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"THEY OBEY ME OR PERISH!"**

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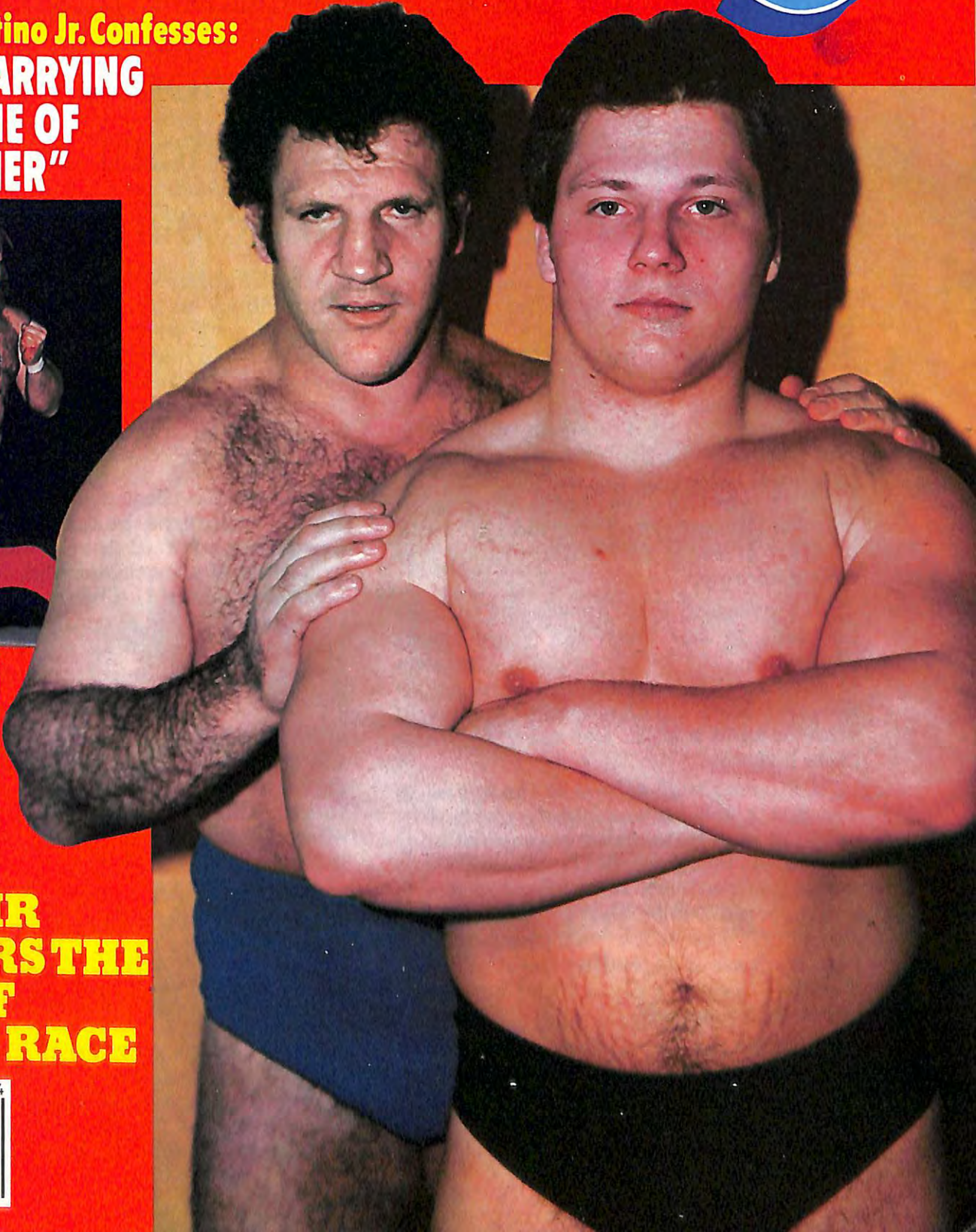
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**Bruno Sammartino Jr. Confesses:  
"IT'S HELL CARRYING  
THE NAME OF  
MY FATHER"**



**REVEALED  
THE PLOT TO  
EXTERMINATE  
BUGSY  
Mc GRAW**

**RIC FLAIR  
SHATTERS THE  
MYTH OF  
HARLEY RACE**





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"To pyramid this investment into retirement in less than ten years seems like magic, but in my opinion any man in good health who has the same ambition and drive that motivated me, could achieve such a goal. Let me give you a little history.

"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that

business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

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# fifty

a true story  
by John B. Haikey



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# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Peter  
King  
Editor-in-Chief

There is a cute bumper sticker flashing along the highways of America these days that reads, "Those of you who think you know it all are very annoying to those of us who do." If this saying was ever on the rear of Fred Blassie's car, it should be there no longer.

Recently, Blassie has pinned most of his WWF championship hopes on a wild man from Mongolia known as Killer Khan. Blassie found this mean-looking maniac in Georgia, where Khan ripped through the competition in a particularly brutal way. Faster than you could say "big bucks," Blassie had Khan's name on an exclusive contract. "I've finally found me a champeen, a man who will destroy that pencil-neck geek Backlund," was Blassie's boast.

Khan's first few matches in the WWF were cruel exhibitions of brutality. Nobody stopped him; few walked away. Khan climbed the WWF ratings faster than any contender in recent memory.

When Khan hit number-one on the rating's list, the WWF ordered champion Backlund to defend his belt against the Mongolian madman. Blassie ecstatically told a TV audience Khan would cripple Backlund. Then the two men spoke briefly in a foreign language, apparently Mongolian. After this dialogue was over, Blassie cackled evilly. "That's right, Killer," he screamed, "that's how we beat Backlund!"

Unfortunately for Blassie, a professor of Mongolian studies from a local college was watching this telecast. He realized that Blassie and Khan had revealed their fight plan, but in Mongolian. This professor wrote down a translation of the Blassie-Khan dialogue and sent it to us. We sent it to Bob Backlund.

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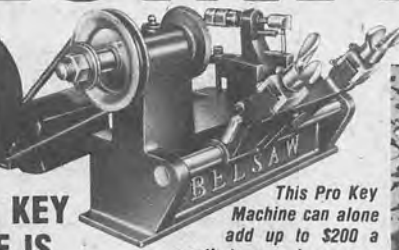


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**H**ER ANGELIC FACE creased in a frown. Dark brown eyes often given to spasms of twinkling merriment darted from window to door several times before landing in nervous contemplation upon her twisted, folded fingers.

Outside a car screeched to a halt. She squirmed, again the eyes leaping to the bound, curtained windows. She sighed, coughed, careful to muffle the wheeze of nerve exacerbated by one cigarette too many. Once more she glanced at the window and reached through the candlelit living room for the teapot.

"More tea?" she whispered. I shook my head, discomforted by the woman, even more discomforted by the fact she felt it necessary to implement such security measures. She hadn't left her home in 15 days. She is the latest victim of the epidemic of mother-beatings sweeping across the face of professional wrestling like unlanched boils. And she is afraid.

"My son, he told me not to worry," she said softly, a faint

accent dusting her hushed tones. "But I have to worry. Look what they do to other mothers. I am very afraid. You know, I always worry for my son, but now I have to worry about myself."

This latest explosion of warped behavior has already claimed two innocent mothers. Out in Los Angeles, Alberto Madril's mother was attacked by John Tolos. And in Tennessee, Tommy Rich's mother was assaulted by Jimmy Valiant and Tojo Yamamoto while giving a television interview.

What triggers such disgusting behavior? Are the Tolos and Jimmy Valiants and Tojo Yamamotos isolated examples? Or are they merely the jagged tip of a frightening moral disease?

Before visiting this terrified mother, I visited a noted New York psychologist, Dr. Steven Schneiderman.

"A man who must attack a mother, any mother, suffers from deep, deep abnormalities," said Dr. Schneiderman. "His hostility goes without question. Obviously he suffered some very

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The attack by Jimmy Valiant and Tojo Yamamoto on Mrs. Rich, has brought Tommy back into the good graces of the fans, where he intends to stay.



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# TOP SECRET

## Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu  
Saks



**M**Y FLIGHT INTO Kennedy Airport from West Germany (see story on page 30) was particularly grueling. The 747 bounced around so much, I couldn't even think of food. The luggage didn't arrive from the plane for a good 45 minutes. Steve Farhood, who was supposed to pick me up, was nowhere in sight. When I called him, he mumbled something about a card game, said he had to run, and hung up. I prayed that he was losing.

My head was splitting. I was hungry and tired. And I didn't have a dime in my pocket to call for help. I saw a *Hare Krishna* guy handing out some leaflets and asked him if I could borrow a coin to make a collect call. He bowed and handed me a dime.

Bill Apter lives only 20 minutes from the airport, only I didn't remember his phone number. I usually carry a list of important numbers with me, but for some reason Bill gave me the wrong number several months ago and I never wrote down the correct one. Thank God information operators return your dime.

The phone rang several times, which I knew was a bad sign. Bill always grabs the phone on the second ring. "Hello," Bill's Australian roommate answered.

"Will you accept a collect call from Killer Khan," the operator asked. I never use my correct name when placing a collect call.

"Sure will, love," Bill's roommate replied, as the operator withdrew from the line. "Killer, how are ya doin', mate?"

"This isn't Killer," I said, "it's Stu. Is Bill there?"

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# Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan Shocket

**I**T DIDN'T TAKE LONG. Tommy Rich, buffoon for the millions, has scurried back to the loving arms of his idiot fans. For a few months, he flirted with the idea of being his own man, but the strain proved too great. With as little class as humanly possible, Rich has begged for forgiveness. The only people surprised are those who believed Rich had any guts at all. It's amazing how even a mistake like Rich can fool some of the people some of the time.

I suppose people who like wimps instead of wrestlers are happy. His thousands of fans are celebrating. The good boy from the South is one of theirs again. He'll once again make the sport safe for cowards, corrupt officials, and mediocrities.

I must admit to being stunned at the method he chose to win back the fans' favor. A man would at least do his own begging. Rich sends his mother. *His mother!* How ridiculous can a man get? Let's keep watching Rich and find out.

Before we go any further,



Dan Shocket was absolutely correct in his assessment that Tommy Rich would not remain a rulebreaker for very long.

let's discuss the so-called attack on Rich's mother. The wrestlers who "went after her," who shall remain nameless in this column because they've received too much bad publicity already, had every right to drive that foolish woman away. As professionals, they need television interview time to help their careers. For a man to send his mother to eat away their interview time is an insult to wrestling professionalism. They didn't wish to hurt the pathetic woman, just scare her a little. It would also be a warning to other fools not to let an old lady do their dirty work.

As some of you may recall, I predicted Rich wouldn't remain outside the fans' approval. All it would take, I believed was a little time having to stand up for his own beliefs. Rich is the kind of weak personality that needs people telling him he's great. When he can't get that, he collapses.

Being a man fans call "rulebreaker" is tough. It takes guts, integrity, and intelligence. He has to believe in himself and the glory of wrestling. Cheers mean nothing. The ordeal is made worthwhile by the sheer joy of battling in his way. There is also the

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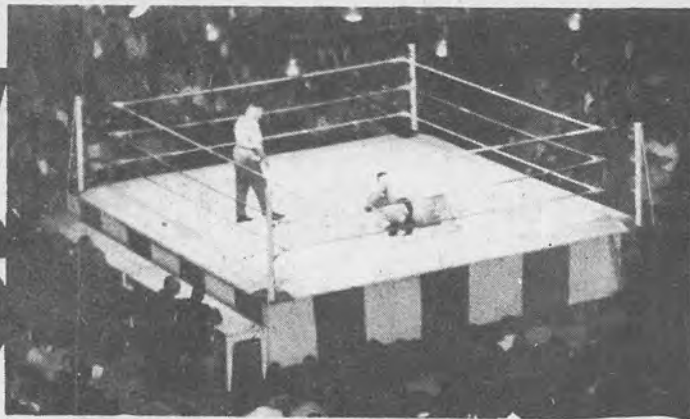


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## CRAZY DOGS

I have been watching professional wrestling for four years now and have never seen a team like The Moondogs. They are over the edge. I've seen teams like The Yukon Lumberjacks, The Freebirds, and the tandem of Abdullah the Butcher and Mark Lewin, but they are nothing like The Moondogs.

Every week they come out, Captain Lou Albano tosses them bones and they chew them. After a match they won, neither of the Moondogs would give Albano back his bones until he started whipping them with a strap. What's with them?

TROY RALEIGH  
Pennsville, NJ



The Moondogs, Rex and King, are reluctant to part with their bones before a recent bout. A wrestling fan for four years, Troy Raleigh has seen some unusual men, but none more outrageous than The Moondogs.



Harley Race applies a headlock on Dusty Rhodes, a man who both Associate Editor Dan Shocket and reader Tom Doyle feel is vastly overrated.

## BRAVO DAN

Bravo Dan Shocket! He gave the wrestling fans a much needed shot in the arm. Although few will accept his views on Dusty Rhodes, everything in the January's "Bodyslams and Pinfalls" was true.

Fatboy Rhodes knew he was lucky to beat Harley Race and used his broken arm as an excuse because he knew he could not turn back Race's challenge. He has cheated many wrestlers and someone must stop Rhodes before the whale ruins the sport we all love.

Thanks again, Dan Shocket.

TOM DOYLE  
Schnecksville, PA

## GREAT ATLAS . . .

I think your February 1981 ratings stink. Tony Atlas isn't even in the top 10. For a guy who has wrestled all the best in both the NWA and WWF, Atlas should get a lot of credit. After wrestling such stars as Ernie Ladd and NWA champion Harley Race, Atlas should be among the top five in the WWF.

I think Tony Atlas is great and will soon be a champion.

DANNY O'CONNOR  
Beverly, NJ

## . . . AND GREAT FLAIR

I just don't understand some people! How can fans be so stupid as to write something bad

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# THE INSIDER

By STEVEN FARHOOD

## SCOOP OF THE MONTH

The Freebirds have been approached to star in a major studio motion picture!

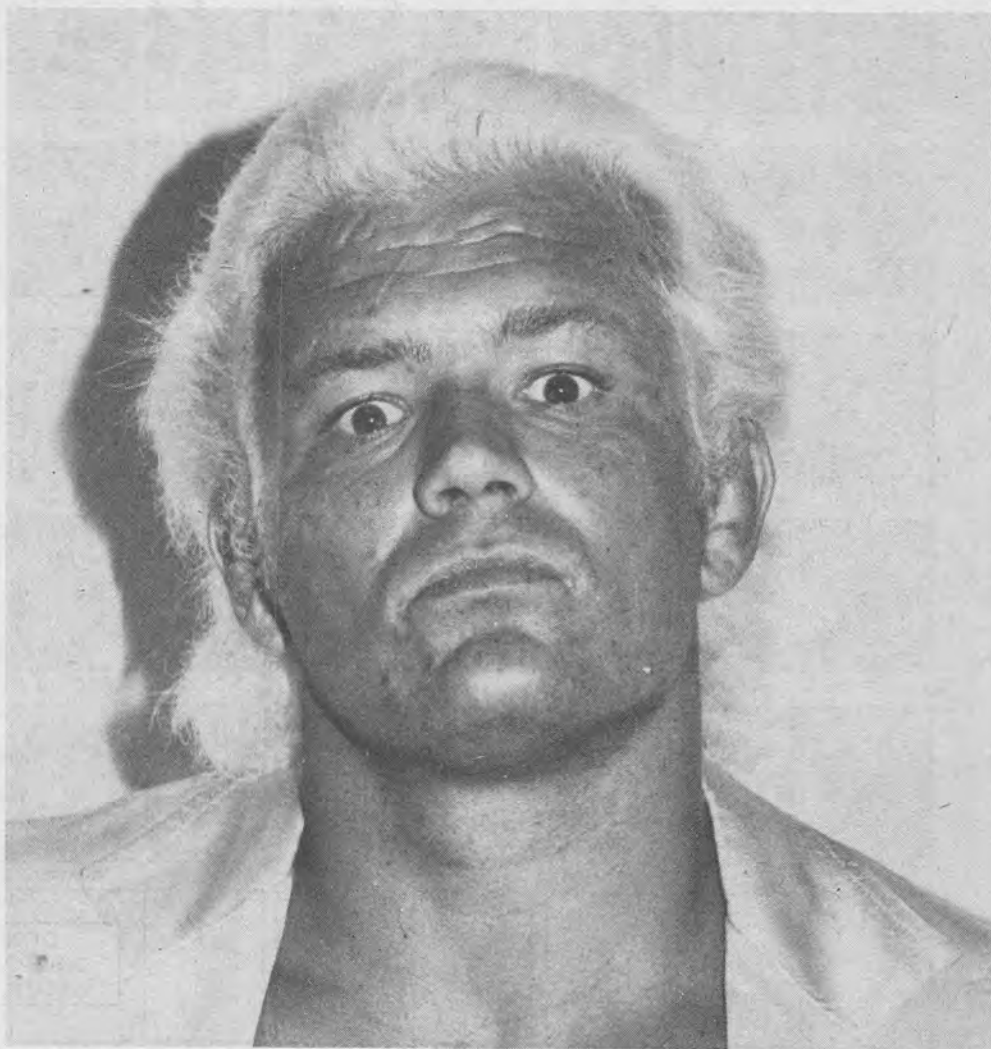
According to The Freebirds' captain, Buddy Roberts, the Georgia tag team champions are currently negotiating with a Hollywood-based production team to appear in a film tentatively titled "Birds of a Feather..."

"Of course we're flattered, but we're not really surprised," said Roberts. "The women across the state of Georgia and everywhere else might finally get their dream. Hollywood originally asked for only one of us, but I told them we were a corporation and that it's all three us or no one. They wanted us so bad they rewrote the script to include three male leads."

While Roberts would not reveal the name of the production team, he did say the director had worked on several successful epics, including an Oscar-winning film a few years ago.

"And the co-stars, those sexy ladies, they're probably all licking their lips now waiting for us to arrive," Roberts added. "Hollywood will never be the same."

Will the movie interfere with The Freebirds' wrestling interests? Roberts said the incorporated tag team might



Is this the face of Hollywood's next superstar? Steve Farhood has learned that Buddy Roberts and his Freebird partners, Michael Hayes and Terry Gordy, are about to embark on a major motion picture project.

take a couple of matches in the Los Angeles area to stay in shape.

"You have to be in shape to make movies, if ya know what I mean," Roberts said with a grin.

To the best of our knowledge, if The Freebirds do appear in the movie, it will be the first motion picture exposure for

wrestlers since Terry Funk co-starred in Sylvester Stallone's 1978 hit "Paradise Alley." Funk received excellent reviews for his portrayal of Frankie the Thumper. What if the critics don't like The Freebirds' performances?

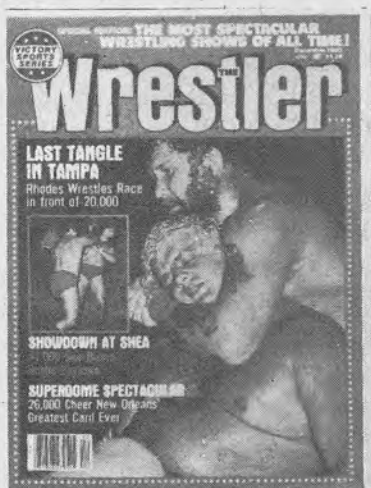
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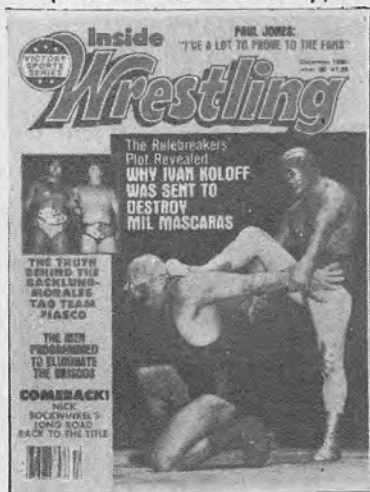
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**TOMMY RICH** fans, rejoice! The man, who in our last issue proclaimed "The Fans Can Go To Hell," has publicly stated he is sorry for his recent behavior and has become a scientific grappler again. Tommy's new targets are the now-hated **JIM VALIANT**, Valiant's partner **TOJO YAMAMOTO**, and their manager **JIMMY HART**. Valiant and Tojo, once fan favorites, have done despicable things in recent months



**TOMMY RICH**

(including attacking Tommy's mother on a TV interview). This action and several other horrible incidents led to Tommy's change of heart.

Remember when **RICK STEAMBOAT** and **RIC FLAIR** were enemies? They had some of the most vicious battles ever seen in the sport. Now they are friends, as everyone knows, but we hear from very reliable sources that Steamboat would like a shot at Flair's United States title. Flair says if the match does come off, it would be a textbook lesson in



**TONY ATLAS**

scientific wrestling. Promoters are busy trying to wrap up financial matters so you may very well see a clash between these two in the coming months . . . Georgia champion **TONY ATLAS** is circulating a petition to have **DON CARSON**, manager of **THE MONGOLIAN STOMPER**, banned from ringside. "That guy almost caused me to lose my title by tripping me when his Stomper tossed me into the ropes. Luckily the referee saw what happened and disqualified Stomper. I may not be as lucky next time. The referee might not see what happened and I could lose my title due to outside interference."

**THE MOONDOGS** and their manager, **CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO**, say that they will have defeated **WWF** tag team champions **TONY GAREA** and **RICK MARTEL** by the time you are reading this . . . **KEN PATERA** is off on a tour of Japan . . . **MR. FUJI** has signed on the dotted line to wrestle in the Mid-Atlantic region. **PROFESSOR TANAKA** will probably not be too far behind.

**RANDY ROSE** and **DENNIS CONDRY** have captured the Southeastern tag team title . . . **BARRY WINDHAM** and **SCOTT MCGHEE** are still trying to regain the Florida tag team belts from **BOBBY JAGGERS** and **R.T. TYLER** . . . Rumors persist that **HUSSEIN ARAB** and manager **GENE ANDERSON** have had bitter words and no longer desire each other's company . . . **DON DIAMOND** made a sensational Madison Square Garden debut recently when he grappled Junior Heavyweight champion **TATSUMI FUJINAMI**. The Japanese star retained his title in a close scientific match.

**DUSTY RHODES** and ex-partner **DICK MURDOCH** have now had several bloody brawls. Dusty says, "I never thought I would say this, but I want to cripple Murdoch and end his



**DON DIAMOND**



# N' NEWS

Bill Apter  
reporting...



**KERRY VON ERICH**

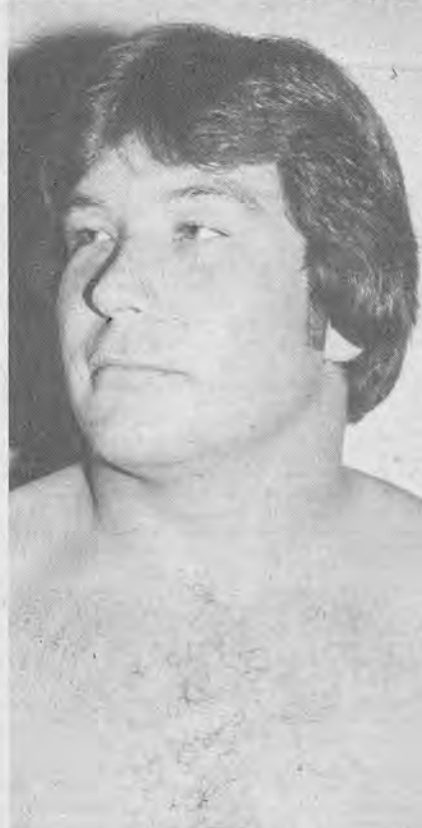
wrestling days," Murdoch says. "Dusty knows he cannot do it. He may be tough, but I'm a lot tougher. If anyone is crippled, it'll be him."

KERRY VON ERICH has become the youngest man to hold the American heavyweight championship. Kerry upset GINO HERNANDEZ to win the beautiful belt. Gino and manager GARY HART are protesting, however. It seems that Kerry was substituting for KEVIN VON ERICH, who was held up with travel problems. So Kerry was put in as a replacement. Controversy rages, but Kerry is the new champ!

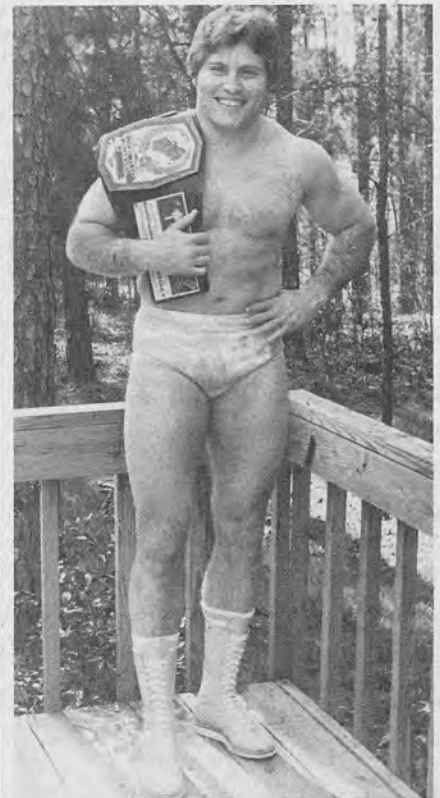
BOB BACKLUND, who is celebrating his third year as WWF champion, fears he may become the next victim of STAN HANSEN and his Lariat. "He has broken many necks with that

hold," Backlund said. "I am working closely with Arnold Skoaland to work out a defensive maneuver." ... OLE ANDERSON has entered the Florida mat wars to do battle with DUSTY RHODES ... BRUNO SAMMARTINO JR. downed JOHNNY VALIANT in Pittsburgh in what has been the young man's toughest test to date.

JERRY BRISCO is in special training for his upcoming match with NWA Junior Heavyweight champion LES THORNTON ... Florida champion DORY FUNK JR. is avoiding a title defense against JACK BRISCO. "I am too busy defending the title against talented wrestlers, not losers like Brisco," Funk says ... The famed MR. WRESTLING II has been advising TED DiBIASE before many of Ted's Georgia matches.



**TED DiBIASE**



**JIM BRUNZELL**

"He provides insight into my opponents," Ted says. "He is one helluva strategist."

NWA champion HARLEY RACE and AWA champion VERNE GAGNE almost came to blows in St. Louis' Keil Auditorium. Gagne, who was introduced in the ring before one of Race's defenses, offered Race his hand for a friendly handshake. Race spit on the AWA king's hand. It took all Verne's willpower to walk away without retaliating.

JIM BRUNZELL has returned to the AWA and he is teaming with GREG GAGNE. The two are out to regain the tag team title from current titleholders JESSE VENTURA and ADRIAN ADONIS.

That's all for now. See you next time. □

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Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

## BOXING & WRESTLING

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**DECEMBER 1951 Boxing**—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month

**Wrestling**—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandor Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pat Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston \$25

**JANUARY 1952 Boxing**—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

**Wrestling**—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londs vs. Shikat \$25

**FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story

**Wrestling**—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings \$25

**JUNE 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

**Wrestling**—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

**JULY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weill, Abe Attell, Danny Nardico, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos, Norman Hayes, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Lord Blears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Rasslin', Ratings, Ivan Kamiroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old Days \$25

**AUGUST 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadillac, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Bailargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas \$25

**SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

**Wrestling**—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl \$25

**OCTOBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles, Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions: Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings,

Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello  
**Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne \$25

**APRIL 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello, Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton), Pat McMurtry, Billy Miske, Ezzard Charles, Undeclared Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillon

**Wrestling**—Marvin Mercer, Matches of Month, Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds \$30

**MAY 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

**Wrestling**—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$30

**OCTOBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Bucceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings

**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Viann, Matches of Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$30

**DECEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

**FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choyinski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin

**Wrestling**—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

**MARCH 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Criqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tomy Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez

**Wrestling**—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

**APRIL 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choyinski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, Boardwalk Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nicks Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

**MAY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Carter, Trainer Whitey Bimstein's Secrets, Pancho Villa's Life, Frankie Ryff, Ray Robinson's Comeback, Les Darcy, Charley Norkus, Max Baer Kayoes Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Quiz, Ratings, Barney Ross

**Wrestling**—Primo Carnera, Roy McClarity, Matches of Month, Southwest Champs, Great Scott, Killer Kowalski Strength Secrets, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up of Buddy Rogers \$20

**JUNE 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Eduardo Lausse, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

**JULY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockerell, Fights of Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Tiger' Joe Marsh, Matches of Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

**AUGUST 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

**SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurtry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

**OCTOBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Hans Herman, Matches of Month, Strangler Lewis, One World's Title! Sky Hi Lee, Wrestling Whirl, Kamikaze Kinji, Hans Schmidt, Full Color Pin Up of Lord Blears \$25

**NOVEMBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Marciano Kayoes Archie Moore, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, What Made Dempsey A Killer? 'Bud' Smith, Yama Bahama, Joe Gans vs. Rufe Turner, Strategy, Tony Puleo, Great Trainers, Ratings, Johnny Dundee, Johnny Kilbane, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Matches of Month, Don Arnold, Colorful Characters, Hindu Wrestlers, Chris Tolos, Malcolm Brenner, Full Color Pin Up of Pat O'Connor \$25

**JANUARY 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giambra upsets Bobo Olson, Joe Lynch, Ray Drake, Mystery of Joe Walcott Solved, Training Camps, Jimmy Slattery, Chris Christensen, Bare Knuckle Brawl-Tom Johnson vs. Isaac Perrins, Peley



Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz  
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**FEBRUARY 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ralph Dupas, Young Otto, Willie Pep, Billy Conn, Nonpareil Dempsey vs. George LaBlanche, Joe Miceli, Boxing Lesson, I.B.C. Freddie Steele, Ratings, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Pepper Gomez, June Byers vs. Babs Wingo, Matches of Month, French Angel, Karl Davis, Best Rookies, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

**MARCH 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. Ji Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz

**Wrestling**—Leo The Lion Newman, Matches of Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

**APRIL 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

**MAY 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of Month, Old Times, Prince Maivia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip \$25

**JUNE 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe  
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**JULY 1956 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell  
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**Wrestling**—Carl Engstrom, Greatest Champions of All Time, Bronko Nagurski, Matches of Month, Johnny Rurand, Wrestling Whirl, Tito Carreon, Comparing Old and New, Letters \$30

**FEBRUARY 1957 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ray Robinson, Tom Sayers vs. John C. Heenan, Larry Boardman, Jim Jeffries Life in Pictures, Marciano and Manager Al Weill, Jim Corbett vs. Bob Fitzsimmons, Spider Webb, Jack Johnson, Joey Giardello, Pancho Villa vs. Jimmy Wilde, Gordon Wallace, 25 Years Ago, The Fighter, By Back London (Fiction), Quiz, Letters, Pat Moran, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Letters, Girl Wrestling History, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month \$25

**AUGUST 1957 Boxing**—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Carmen Basilio, TV Boxing Kayode? Tom Molyneux, Jimmy McLarnin kayoes Sid Terris, Willie Meehan Beats Jack Dempsey, Roland LaStarza, Can't Learn in Gym, Abe Attell, Billy Con's Life in Pictures, Walter Byars, Remember When, Eddie Machen, Mike McTigue Today, Ratings, Critics Talk

**Wrestling**—Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Mr. Moto, Carlos Moreno, Fan Clubs \$35

**SEPTEMBER 1957 Boxing**—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Tony Anthony, Benny Leonard Kayode by Frank Fleming, Alphonse Halimi, Peter Jackson, Willie Pastrano, Gene Tunney, Billy Ryan, Triple Header, Harry Greg beats Mickey Walker, Dave Shade Kayoes Jimmy Slattery, Harry Wills Stops Charley Weinert, 'Knockout Brown,' Tom Sayers, Stanley Ketchel's Life in Pictures, Critics Talk, Ratings

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**JANUARY 1958 Boxing**—Stanley Weston Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Braddock vs. Tommy Farr, Floyd Patterson, Johnny Kilbane, Mike O'Dowd, Chalky Wright, Carmen Basilio, Jimmy Wilde's Life, World's Ten Best Fighters, Quiz, Fighters Turned Actor, Bobbing Lesson, Bare Knuckle Feature, Leach Cross Kayoes Young Otto, Letters, Remember When, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Ricki Starr, The Bruiser, Canadian Trail, Fan Clubs, Letters, Matches of Month \$25

**FEBRUARY 1958 Boxing**—TV Jottings, Letters, Fights of Month, Louis vs. Marciano, Robinson vs. LaMotta, Walcott vs. Charles, Pep vs. Saddler, Basilio vs. DeMarco, Light Heavyweight History, Punch that Shocked World (Jack Sharkey Fools Max Schmeling), Preview of 1958, Born Killer (Fiction), Britain's Boxing Booths, Ray Robinson's Career in Pictures, Picking Winners, Quiz, Gene Tunney-Georges Carpentier Feud, Al McCoy, Critics Talk

**Wrestling**—Mickey Gold, The Garibaldis, Smith Brothers, Gypsy Joe, The Gallaghers, How Women React to Wrestlers, Photo Highlights, Results of Month, Fan Clubs \$25

**APRIL 1958 Boxing**—Stanley Weston Editorial, Letters, Fights of Month, Ratings, Carmen Basilio—Fighter of the Year, Complete Review of 1957 featuring Records, Results, Weights, Photos (Eight Pages), Bob Fitzsimmons, History of the Middleweights, Kid Chocolate Beats Fidel LaBarba, John L. Sullivan's Life, Barney Ross' Book, Remember When

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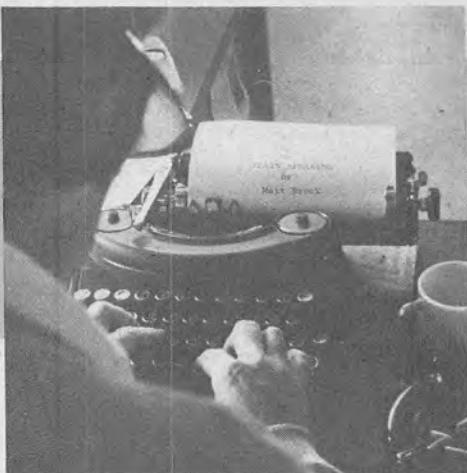
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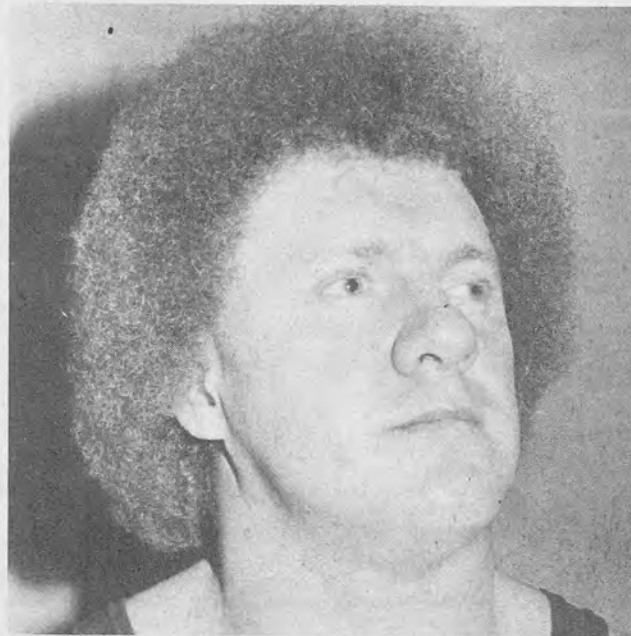


# Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING

**CHARLESTON, SC:** Arrived in the Mid-Atlantic during the most violent feud in this area's recent history. Former friends, if you want to call them that, Hussein Arab and Ivan Koloff have been involved in a beauty... What are they fighting about? And why is it that bums like Arab and Koloff always think their deceitful natures can actually find some sort of accomodation with one of a similar nature? I wasn't at all surprised when Koloff and Arab went for each other's skulls. As much as I care about either of these thugs and hoodlums, both could take a long canoe ride into the Atlantic Ocean toward their native lands as far as I'm concerned. If fans in this area, among the most sophisticated in all the world, display the common sense I know them capable of, they'll realize both Koloff and

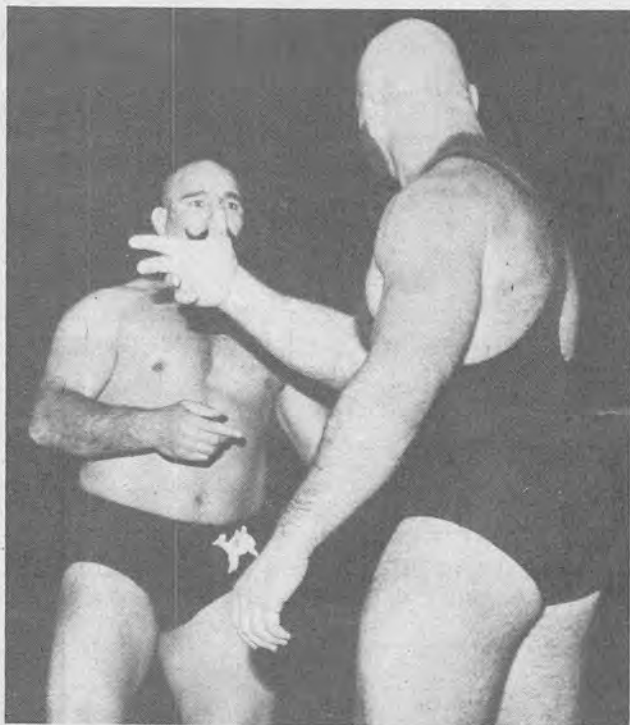
Arab use them for their own selfish ambitions. Don't pay any attention to these thugs, fans. They're not worth your trouble. Or mine.

**MIAMI, FL:** Down here, the big question is: What brings Dewey Robertson to Florida? The former Canadian Heavyweight champion brings impressive credentials to his mysterious



**DEWEY ROBERTSON**

invasion of Florida. Not only is Robertson a kind and fair man, he is also a helluva wrestler. Robertson knows his way around the squared circle. There are few tricks that can be pulled upon Robertson he hasn't seen before. But what brings him to this area? My usually reliable sources have no answers. Robertson remains strangely mum on his ultimate purposes. I have only a slender hunch, and that speculates Robertson plans on teaming with a local scientific wrestler like Buggy McGraw or Dusty Rhodes. Again, only a hunch.



**HUSSEIN ARAB VS. IVAN KOLOFF**



**Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor**



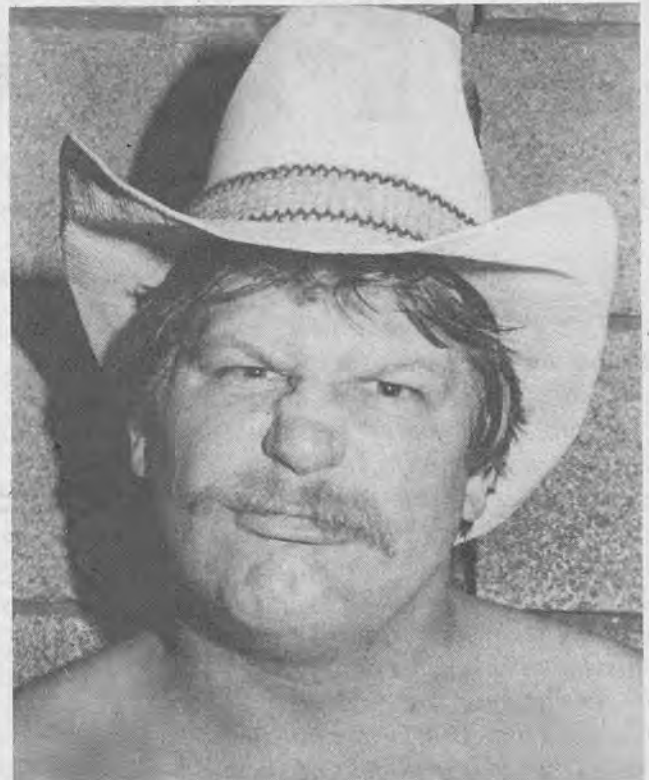
**THE FREEBIRDS, INC.**

**ATLANTA, GA:** Through the most high-level of sources, I have received a copy of an upper-echelon memo sent by the NWA executive legal officer to the chief operating head of Georgia Championship Wrestling. The contents are staggering and pose great dangers for Georgia wrestling. The NWA has informed the state that The Freebirds, current Georgia tag team champions, cannot have the title shared by all three of its members. The NWA does not recognize such a peculiar arrangement and insists that only two of The Freebirds are champions. In effect, the NWA is telling The Freebirds their corporate arrangement runs at variance to the by-laws of the NWA. In conclusion, the NWA orders Georgia wrestling to comply with its directive and prohibit one member of The Freebirds from serving as co-holder of the state tag team title.

**SAN ANTONIO, TX:** Lucky Texas wrestling fans. Evil manager Gary Hart proudly unveils yet another in a long line of demented proteges. This poor young man, obviously under Hart's twisted spell, is named Gary Young. After witnessing several of his bouts, I'm inclined to call him another name. But this is a family magazine. So I'll confine myself to a quick dissection of this

man's character. There is none. Consistent with Hart's own sick soul, Young displays no morality nor sense of conviction. He is downright nasty, a trait which, unfortunately, should commend him for a long and distinguished career in this crazy sport. But I for one plan to shout indignation at this nut's behavior in the hope public outrage will somehow end his career before it endangers other careers.

**NEW YORK, NY:** Look who's back in the WWF. Stan Hansen, master of the Lariat, the same diabolical maneuver which broke Bruno Sammartino's neck a few years back. Already Hansen signed to wrestle champion Bob Backlund at Madison Square Garden. The young



**STAN HANSEN**

champ better be prepared for a grueling match or he'll come home without the championship. Ah, finally found a home. In fact, I bought a home from *Inside Wrestling's* Chief of Production, Karl Hlavac. Renamed the joint Brock Manor. Plan on having a huge party soon as I learn how to turn the electricity on. □

# HOTSEAT

## CAPT. LOU ALBANO:

# "THEY OBEY ME OR PERISH!"

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INTERVIEW CONDUCTED  
BY GARY MORGENSTEIN

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**I**T IS NO exaggeration to call this man the greatest manager in the history of professional wrestling. Certainly he ranks among the most controversial personalities in professional sports today. Utilizing brilliance and ruthlessness, he has constructed a dynasty of champions. As soon as one tag team slips from its perch, this diabolical genius finds an even better tandem. In all, he has managed nine WWF champion tag teams. If one thread links all these champions, it is the tenuous cord of madness. None of his men, and certainly not this manager himself, can ever be called sane. Mad. Insane. Berserk. Bloodthirsty. Those are just a few of the words use to describe Captain Lou Albano.

**Q:** Are you the greatest, Captain?

**A:** Do you have to ask, must you insult me with a question like that?

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**Q:** Are you?

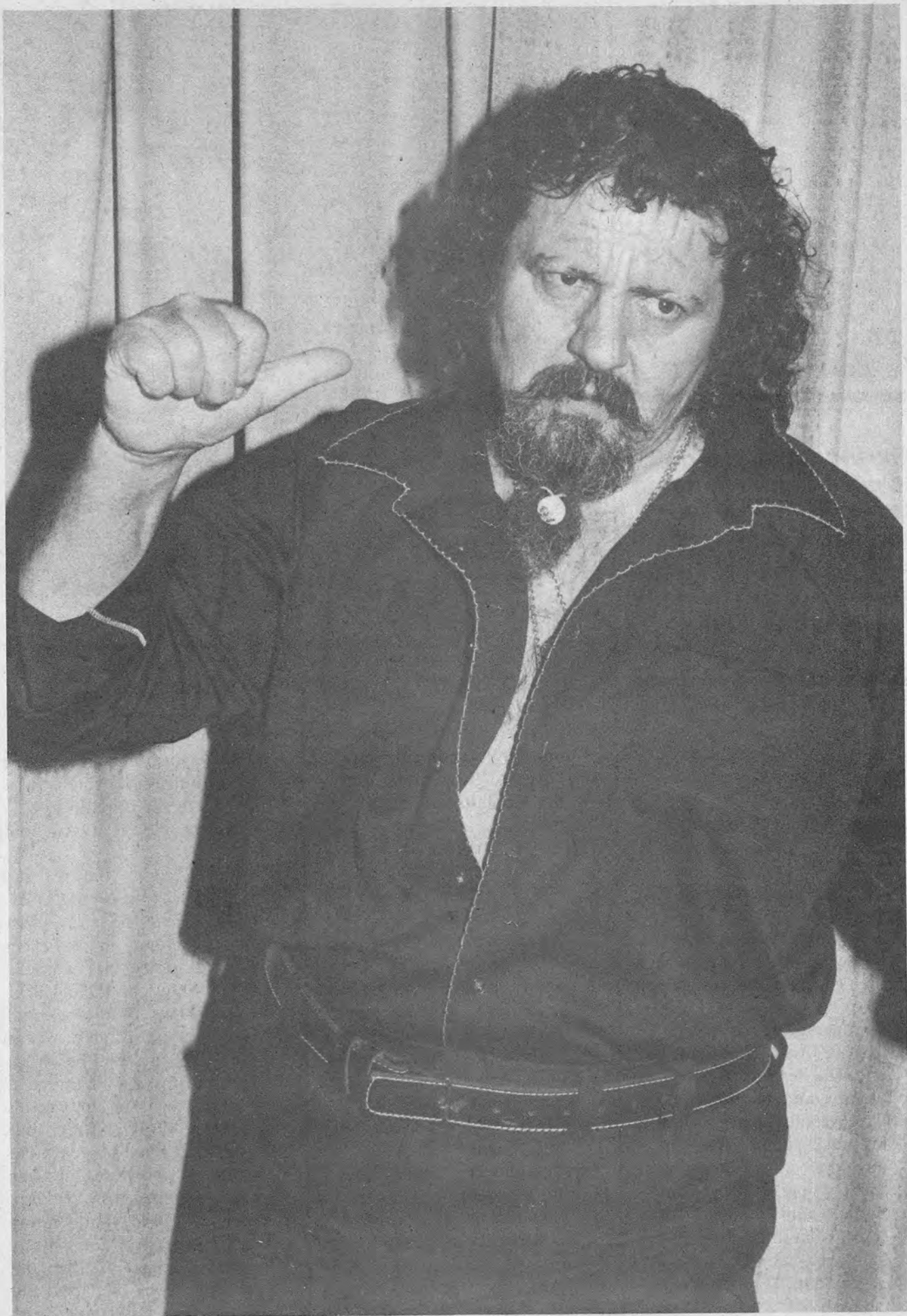
**A:** The Captain is the greatest, he has managed the best, the most, the meanest, the

greatest of all champions. The Captain has taken men off the scrap heap, breathed life into them, built their characters, their minds, their limbs if I had to, anything to win, anything for victory, and you ask, you dare to ask the greatest manager in the history of the world, the planet, the universe, I include everything, all of it, you ask if the Captain is the greatest

**Q:** Why are you the greatest?

**A:** Because I want to win. You look at the bums like Skoaland, the fools like Backlund, the wimps like Bruno, they have a lot in common, besides they're fat and ugly and they're stupid, they don't want to win. If I







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**Knowing that you gotta do what a man gotta do to win. That you won't stop until your opponent can't move, until his legs are broken . . . That's the killer instinct.**

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wanted to win, then Sammartino would still be the champ, would still find ways to keep the fix in with the ref and the judges and hide the cheating, the lying, the deception. But an oaf like Sammartino can't keep the title because he doesn't have the killer instinct.

**Q:** What's the killer instinct?

**A:** Knowing you gotta do what a man gotta do to win. That you won't stop until your opponent can't move, until his legs are broken, his hands are crippled, his face is bent and bloody, and his mind is like an eggshell. Then you crush his face. That's the killer instinct.

**Q:** Some would call it sadism.

**A:** Some, some, some? Who cares what they say, they're liars, who says it's sadism?

**Q:** Apparently opponents who've confronted your men.



Captain Lou Albano demands obedience from all of his tag teams. The moment any of his teams show any indication of individual thought, he drops them. Above: King receives a whipping when he refuses to part with his bone.

**A:** Call them champions, I've had nine, count 'em, almost one for every finger, soon I'll have to grow more fingers, the Captain can do it if he has to.

**Q:** Let's talk about your champions.

**A:** Fine, fine, the Captain has nothing to hide.

**Q:** What about The Samoans?

**A:** What about 'em? I trained 'em, I molded 'em, I found 'em in the jungles, taught 'em English, taught 'em how to dress, how to eat, how to speak, how to behave at a tea party, what kind of shows to watch, and how to comb their hair. I made 'em what they are today.

**Q:** But they lost.

**A:** They lost because they forgot to listen to the Captain. No one who listens to the Captain loses. The Captain knows it all, he knows all the tricks, all

the ways to win, knows how to win, what to do, has the guts, the brains, the body, the everything. No man who listens to the Captain loses.

**Q:** Are you bitter at Afa and Sika?

**A:** Bitter, bitter, they're like family, I cooked 'em dinner, showed 'em the class pizza places in town, showed them how to order in a Chinese restaurant, lent them shirts, told 'em everything they could ever want to know. We're family, always will be. What you morons can't understand is that one of my men's failures don't affect our friendship. I'm too great to be bothered by a little thing like an occasional loss. I'm too secure, have too many achievements, too many trophies to get all bent out of shape over one loss. But you take a loser like Sam-





Occasionally, Albano will compete with either one or two of the members of his team, "Just to show 'em how it's done," he says. Afa follows closely behind his leader (above). Whether or not he is an official competitor, however, Albano always gets into the action. The Captain slams Pedro Morales down on the Shea Stadium infield as Sika looks on (right).



- martino or Backlund, they've never done anything, they can't do anything, they don't know how, so they lose one match and they get hysterical.
- Q:** But Backlund has never lost a title match by pin or submission.
- A:** Oh, please, don't pull the old wool over the Captain's eyes. Backlund has never fairly won a match in his life. If he didn't bribe every referee and official in the WWF, Howdy Doody would be pumping gas at Ernie's Corner Gas Station in Duluth. Don't make me ill.
- Q:** There's been a great deal of controversy over your newest tag team find, The Moondogs.
- A:** Find, find, call 'em by their rightful names, the WWF tag team champions, show them the respect we deserve, find, typical reporter garbage.
- Q:** I think the press has treated you quite fairly.

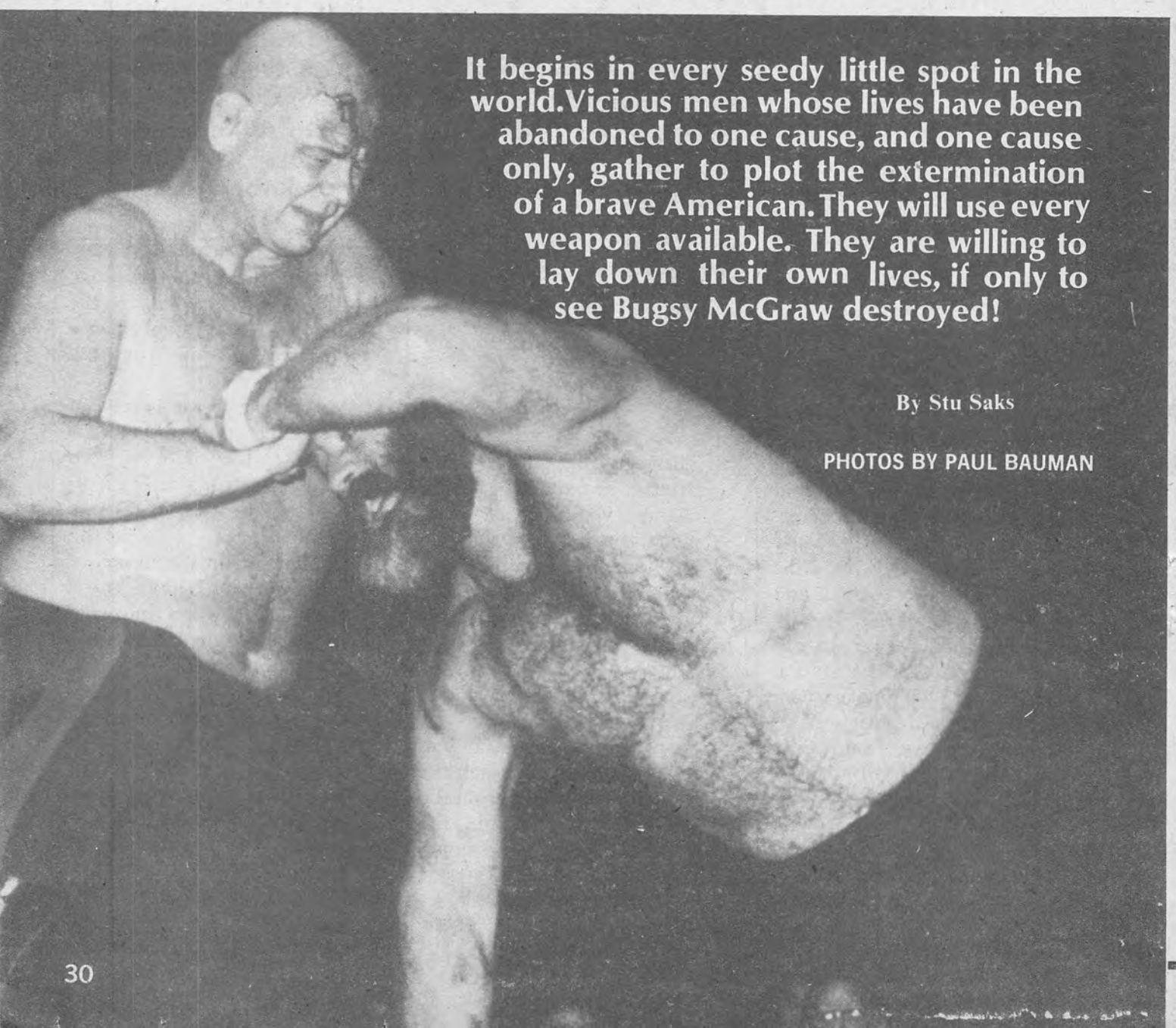
- A:** Then give me the credit I deserve. Rex and King are the champs, you'll try and get at me through them, making lousy remarks about them, saying nasty things.
- Q:** You will concede they're a bit strange, even bizarre.
- A:** Why, because they prefer bones without meat? Just their taste in foods, but you people won't see that, all you see is a chance to attack the Captain, throw daggers at the Captain, try and ruin the Captain. Won't you people ever learn? I am the greatest, I am invincible, formidable, tough, brilliant, every word you can think of and more.



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**I take nothing from no one, I will not listen to back-talk, I will not tolerate disobedience, I am the Captain, I am the master, I know best, they know nothing.**  
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- Q:** To get back on another topic, how do you account for the almost fanatical obedience you receive from your tag teams?
- A:** My men learn very early on that either they obey me or perish. I take nothing from no one, I will not listen to back-talk, I will not tolerate disobedience, I am the Captain, I am the master, I know best, they know nothing, they go into the ring, they do my bidding. If I could clone me I would do it for them, but there's only one Captain and so thank every star in the sky for that.
- Q:** You have managed nine tag team champions. What is left for Captain Lou Albano to achieve in professional wrestling?
- A:** Complete domination over all wrestling. I want to make every man a Rex or King. □

# **REVEALED: THE INTERNATIONAL PLOT TO EXTERMINATE BUGSY McGRAW**



It begins in every seedy little spot in the world. Vicious men whose lives have been abandoned to one cause, and one cause only, gather to plot the extermination of a brave American. They will use every weapon available. They are willing to lay down their own lives, if only to see Bugsy McGraw destroyed!

By Stu Saks

PHOTOS BY PAUL BAUMAN



**I**WHEEZED INTO another spasm of coughing brought on, no doubt, by the thick clouds of smoke encircling the beer hall. This was my first trip to West Germany, and, in the grand tradition of wrestling journalism, I went directly to this seedy place Matt Brock had suggested.

I'd been warned to watch out for a tall blonde in the company of a fat man with a red scar atop his bald pate. For several hours I'd sipped, then gulped Becks beer while peering through the smoke and noise for the mysterious couple. Supposedly they arrived each afternoon at 4:20. Very precise, these two.

Sure enough, at 4:20 they moved through the crowd, the blonde ignoring the admiring gazes, her companion glowering with arrogant disdain at the jealous expressions following her shapely figure. They squeezed into a table in the corner, strangely empty considering the crush of standing bodies. I wondered about that, realizing this table had been reserved, a peculiar practice in a crushed beer hall unless the guests were important. Very important.

Good luck is often accidental. Thus while I wondered about the empty table, my eyes fell upon the waiter. Familiar looking guy. Bald guy, cruel mouth, the sort who'd rip up a small tip and ram it down your throat. I watched him avoid their table, again, quite strange. If they were this important to have a seat reserved, they should have received immediate attention. But neither this waiter nor any other waiter moved toward them.

Then I made a mistake. While I studied the inert action of the room's waiters, the blonde and the bald guy slipped away. One minute they're there, the next . . .

Undaunted, I raced after, recklessly discarding anonymity. After racing down unfamiliar streets still wet with rain, I caught up to them. I pressed back against a stone wall, my nervous breaths



sucking at the chilled early spring air. I watched them climb into a black Lada and careen down cobble-stoned streets. Jogging after the car as we both wound down a hill of narrow streets, I waited for the small black car to turn onto a major street. It never did. Both of us continued the strange chase, my tall, wheezing body pursuing a black sedan filled with a beautiful blonde, a fat bald guy, and a stout chauffeur.

After nearly a mile, the car stopped in front of a two-story

Despite the international plot aimed at his elimination, Bugsy McGraw has not shied away from the limelight. Above: Bugsy grabs Baron Von Raschke by his bald head and snapmares him to the mat. Below: Repeated smashes with his fist open a gash on Von Raschke's forehead. Left: Bugsy parades around the ring with an American flag. His patriotism, we have learned, could cause his destruction.



building. I darted into the shadows and watched the girl, the guy and . . . the waiter disappear into the building. A light on the top floor flickered on. For nearly 20 minutes, the three paced behind the curtained window. I squinted, laid face down, did everything to

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# INSIDE WRESTLING'S

# OFFICIAL RATINGS

These Ratings Are Compiled With The Assistance Of Top Wrestlers, Promoters, And Reporters. They Are Universally Accepted As Official

## World Wrestling Federation

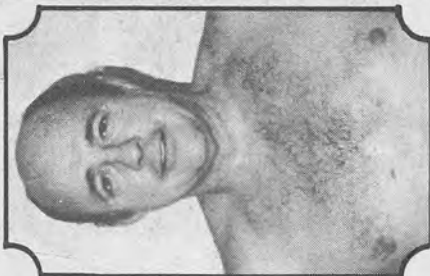


Champion:  
BOB BACKLUND



1—STAN HANSEN

## American Wrestling Association



Champion:  
VERNE GAGNE



1—NICK BOCKWINKEL

## National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:  
HARLEY RACE

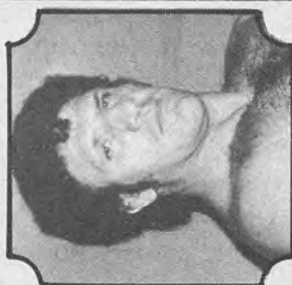


1—RIC FLAIR

## Most Popular Wrestlers



1—ANDRE THE GIANT



2—BRUNO  
SAMMARTINO

## Most Hated Wrestlers

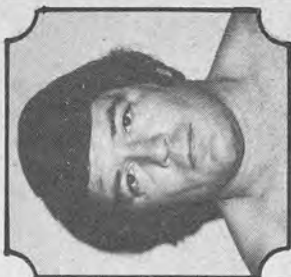


1—STAN HANSEN



2—LARRY ZBYSZKO

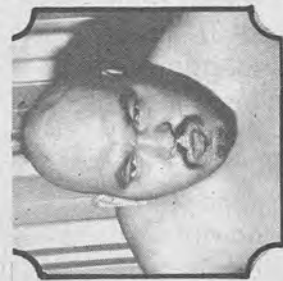
## Tag Teams



1—PAUL JONES &  
MASKED SUPERSTAR







2—KILLER KHAN



3—PEDRO MORALES



4—HULK HOGAN

5—SGT. SLAUGHTER  
6—IVAN PUTSKI  
7—LARRY ZBYSKO  
8—PAT PATTERSON  
9—RICK MARTEL  
10—TONY GAREA



2—BILLY ROBINSON



3—JOHN STUDD



4—DINO BRAVO

5—CRUSHER  
BLACKWELL  
6—TOMMY RICH  
7—MAD DOG VACHON  
8—TITO SANTANA  
9—GREG GAGNE  
10—JESSE VENTURA



2—DUSTY RHODES



3—RICK STEAMBOAT



4—DICK SLATER

5—TONY ATLAS  
6—MASKED  
GRAPPLER  
7—TED DiBIASE  
8—DORY FUNK JR.  
9—LES THORNTON  
10—KERRY VON ERICH



3—DUSTY RHODES



4—MIL MASCARAS



5—BOB BACKLUND

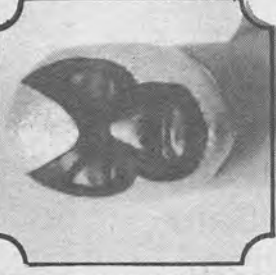
6—RICK STEAMBOAT  
7—PEDRO MORALES  
8—WAHOO  
McDANIEL  
9—DINO BRAVO  
10—JUNKYARD DOG



3—KILLER KHAN



4—GREG VALENTINE



5—MASKED GRAPPLER

6—KEN PATERA  
7—BARON VON  
RASCHKE  
8—TERRY GORDY  
9—EDDY MANSFIELD  
10—DENNIS CONDRI



2—TONY GAREA  
& RICK MARTEL



3—JESSE VENTURA  
& ADRIAN ADONIS

4—THE FREEBIRDS  
5—THE SHEEP.  
HERDERS  
6—BOBBY JAGGERS  
& R.T. TYLER  
7—THE MOONDOGS  
8—THE SAMOANS  
9—RAY STEVENS &  
JIMMY SNUKA  
10—RANDY ROSE &  
DENNIS CONDRI

# Bruno Sammartino Jr. Confesses:

Many sons and daughters of famous parents have faltered trying to live up to the inevitable comparisons with their renown parents. Bruno Sammartino Jr. is no exception. More than learning the moves in the ring, Bruno Jr. must learn to surmount the agonizing pressures of his famous name, and become his own man

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## "IT'S HELL CARRYING THE NAME OF MY FATHER"

**F**AME IS A two-edged sword. For some, the dizzying heights of glory can catapult an individual into a star system of triumph and joy. For others, the pressure of constant achievement becomes unbearable and crushing.

But that concerns those who made it themselves. What of those who inherit the fame, the glory, and most importantly, the name?

"Yes, it is a very great thing to be the son of Bruno Sammartino," said the handsome, wide-shouldered youth mopping away the sweat after a grueling match. "I'm real proud of my father. But being the son

of a famous and great man can be tough."

Exactly what must Bruno Sammartino Jr. bear as he moves through his early years of professional wrestling? Obviously, the first trial deals with the inevitable comparisons.

"That's Bruno's kid, isn't it?" a bleached-blond whispered to her companion in the fourth row. He nodded, similar voices of recognition and anticipation sizzling through the thick crowd at Pittsburgh's Civic Arena.

Obvious physical similarities exist between father and son. There is the thickness around the shoulders, chest, and neck.

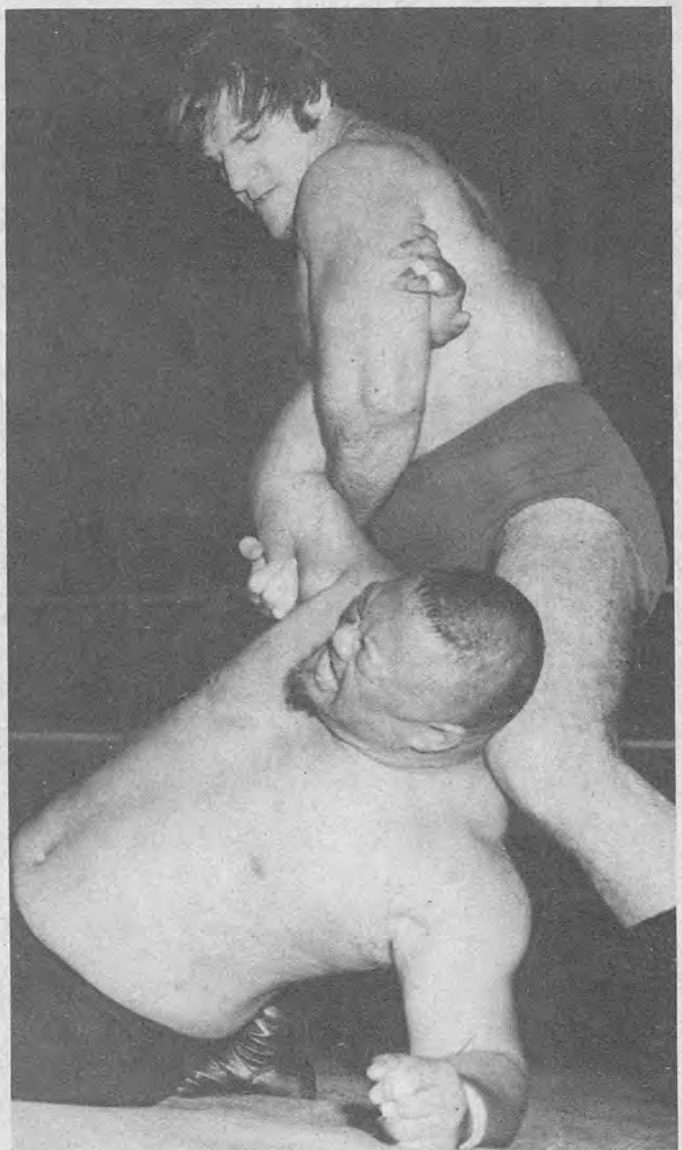
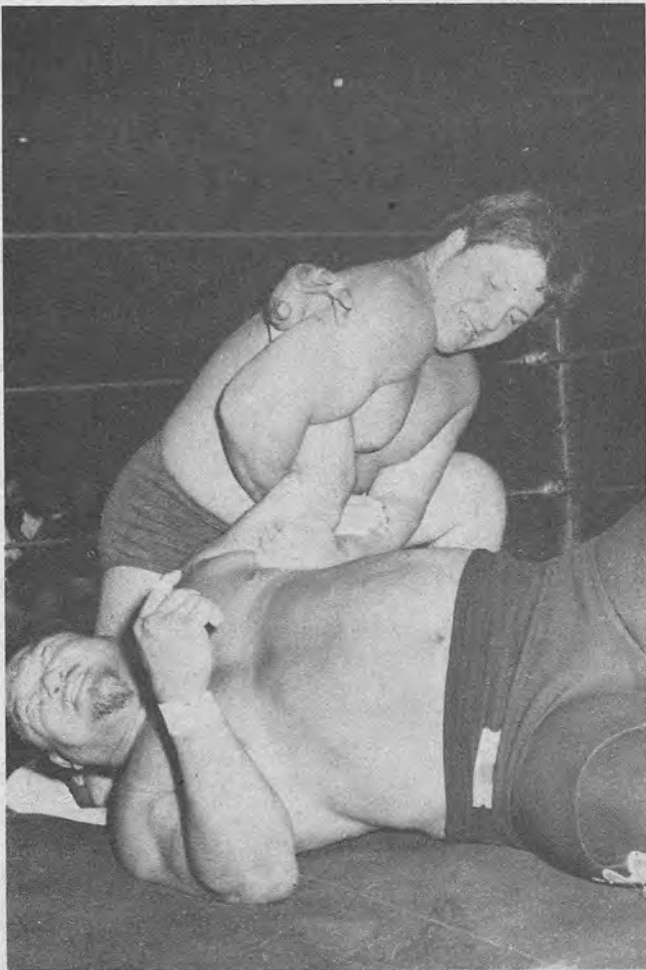
There is the rugged good looks, the intense eyes capable of kindly concern or inflammatory rage. There are the facial expressions, lips pursing doubtfully, eyes squinting thoughtfully, nose flaring angrily. And the hand gestures, thick fingers stabbing the air with emphasis.

But those are not surprising, for many sons reflect their fathers. What Bruno Jr. must handle are more dangerous problems, ones which will test his courage in a manner no opponent ever could.

"Bruno Jr.?" giggled Larry Zbyszko. "You mean the old man has a kid? Damn, I hope



PHOTOS BY JOSEPH NAPPI



Is Bruno Sammartino Jr. prepared to take on the same men that his father feuded with through the years? Bruno Jr. applies an armlock on Professor Tanaka (above left) as does Bruno Sr., five years earlier (above right).

the kid isn't half the bum his old senile father is. Maybe this kid has some talent, though if he's related to Sammartino, I can't see how. Oh, is he as stupid as his father?"

"Another geek, another bimbo, another popsicle-brain, who needs them, they're all the same, whether it's a Sammartinko or pasta-face Jr. does it matter, they're cowards, someone will destroy the kid, he won't last six months," predicted Lou Albano.

"My men will destroy and bash and shred and whip and pummel the punk like we pummeled the old man," vowed Fred Blassie.

Bruno Jr. inherits his father's enemies.

"Yes, I know a lot of people who hate my Dad are going to come after me," he said. "I'm prepared for that. And why shouldn't I tangle with those guys? Anyone mean enough to try and hurt my father deserves my anger. They better understand that when they get wise and nasty, they've got two Sammartinos to deal with."

Still, it isn't the actual physical menace of ring enemies which endangers Bruno Jr. Rather it is being sucked into feuds for which, quite frankly, he is too inexperienced to handle.

"Maybe I should get tested quickly," he said. "Maybe I'll learn a lot more a lot quicker than if I go through a lot of easier foes. Don't you think I'll learn more from a top-ranked tough guy than some prelim guy?"

But Bruno Sr. isn't about to rush his son's progress.

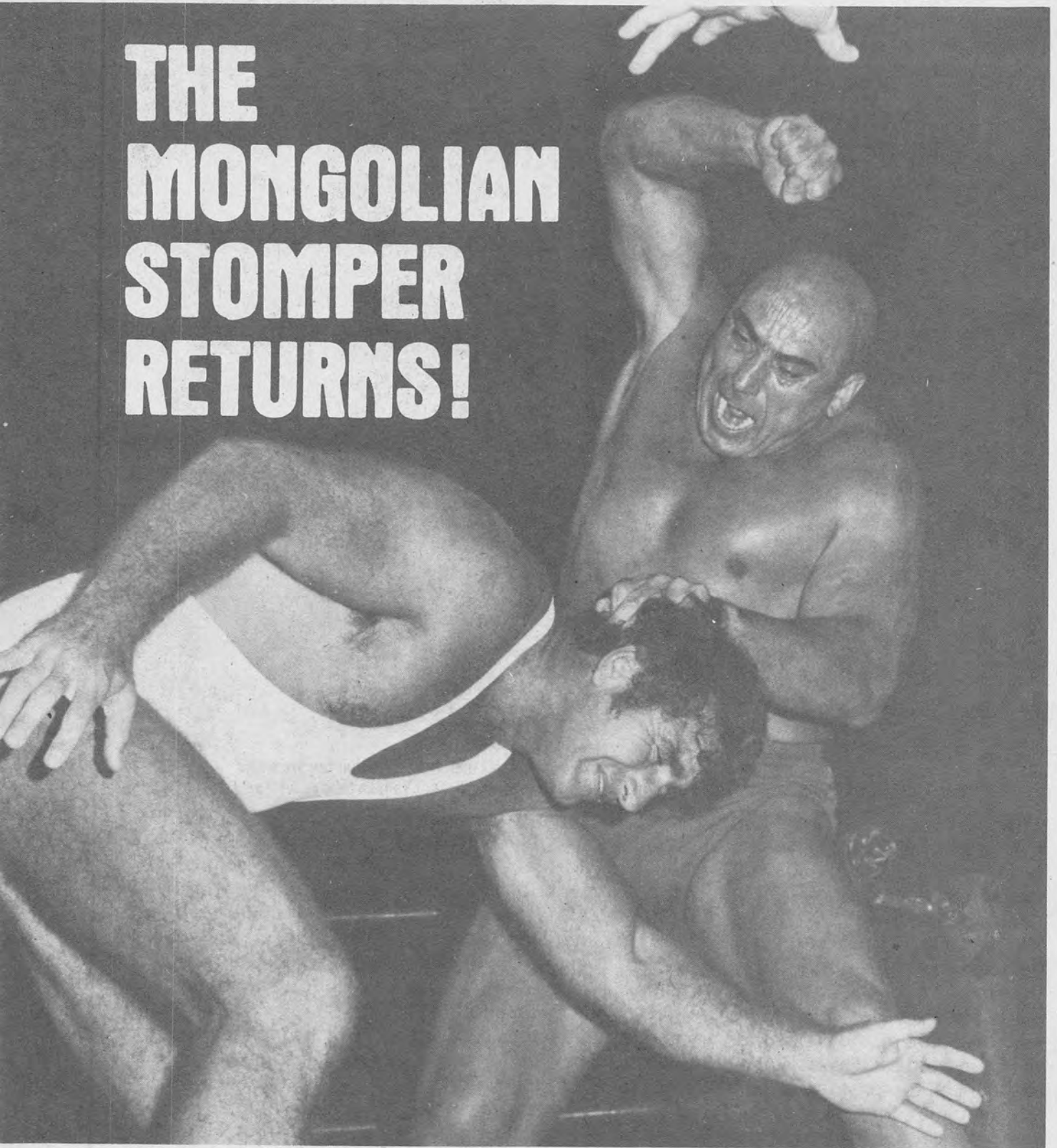
"He'll take it slow, get as much experience as he can," the father said. "He's young and there's no rush. I won't let him get into something he isn't ready for."

But the youngster must learn to deal with a future forever encumbered with his father's

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# Pray For Georgia Wrestling:

## THE MONGOLIAN STOMPER RETURNS!



A man whose cruelty and viciousness has spread throughout the world has now invaded Georgia. Managed by the diabolical Don Carson, The Mongolian Stomper has vowed to crush all who dare to resist his sadistic ambitions.



**M**ONGOLIA IS A harsh land. Bereft of life for dozens of miles on end, Mongolia inflicts severe winters, bitter cold, and an unforgiving lifestyle on its hardy inhabitants.

One slight mistake can cost a person his life. Leaving home without proper clothing can kill. Failing to steer clear of the dangerous icecliffs or heed the warnings of the sky of approaching snow is often fatal.

Those growing up in such a climate can go one of two ways in life. Either they attain a gentle accomodation with their world, understanding the intemperate attributes of Man and Nature, realizing that one must bend in order to survive, that to inflict pain on fellows for the cruelty of inanimate seasons is wrong.

The other path is filled with bitterness and hate. Those who leave Mongolia forever raise their fists at the sky, forever scream guttural curses, forever loath all humanity.

The Mongolian Stomper is one of these fallen angels.

For years, this hideously diseased animal has run amuck within the confines of wrestling arenas. And often outside such arenas, using chairs and bricks and rocks and steel objects with frightening accuracy upon the bodies of helpless foes. Like the awesome blizzards from his native Mongolia, like the fearsome winds, like the cold, dispassionate winters, The Stomper seeks only to crush. To confront him exacts a fearful price. Few survive such a confrontation.

Now this madman has invaded Georgia. Already, The Stomper and manager Don "Big C" Carson predicts utter ruination for all state scientific wrestlers.

"We'll see," responded Mr. Wrestling II with the wry smile of a man who has met such threats far too many times in his



Powered by a growing inner anger from the lifestyle of his homeland, The Mongolian Stomper has returned to the Georgia area, bent on the destruction of all in his path. The Stomper puts his boot into the back of Bob Armstrong's head (above) and into Jos LeDuc's groin (below).



brilliant career.

Not only the masked man, but Bob Armstrong, an arch-rival from Stomper's berserk Tennessee days, are sucked into this tornado of amorality. However, neither The Stomper

nor Carson see anything wrong with his, well, conduct is not the right word.

"They're afraid? Of course they're afraid," snickered Carson, clapping Stomper on a

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# NEWS FROM THE

If you would like your area of the country represented in these reports, while also being officially credited with your own by-line, send us reports of the matches you attend. You will have the thrill of seeing your name in an internationally known magazine while at the same time helping to improve the quality of wrestling in your area. So why not give it a try? You will be glad you did!

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## LOS ANGELES, CA

By Mark Gallo



**DOS CARAS**

vs.

**THE ASSASSIN**



Dos Caras, brother of legendary Mil Mascaras, stepped into the ring against the evil Assassin. Dos Caras had control of most of the match, utilizing his brilliant aerial maneuvers. With a devastating flying bodypress, Dos Caras got The Assassin in trouble. All of a sudden, Great Goliath jumped into the ring and tried to pummel Dos. But the masked man took care of both Goliath and The Assassin to gain the victory.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Battleship Johnson won by disqualification over Great Goliath.

## LAKELAND, FL

By Ron Lendowski



**HARLEY RACE**

vs.

**DICK MURDOCH**



The main event at the Lakeland Civic Center featured NWA champion Harley Race against hard-nosed challenger Dick Murdoch in a no-disqualification match. Murdoch took the cheap road when he smacked Race before the opening bell. But Race was ready for Murdoch's tricks and the action surged in and out of the ring. Murdoch used every weapon he could get his hands on, including a chair and a microphone cord. Still, Murdoch couldn't stop Race. But neither could the champion halt the challenger and, after a really grueling battle, the match ended in a draw.

## PHILADELPHIA, PA

By Joey Yemola

Dec 13/80



**TONY ATLAS**

vs.

**LARRY ZBYSZKO**



For too long, Tony Atlas chafed under Larry Zbyszko's taunts and barbs. Finally, the muscular Georgia champion confronted his new arch-rival in a thrilling main event. But Atlas was unable to control his temper, as Zbyszko continued to insult and enrage Atlas with his treachery. Both men lost all semblance of poise and battered each other around the ring. With no choice, the referee declared a double disqualification.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Bruno Sammartino stopped Ken Patera... Rick Martel and Tony Garea successfully defended their WWF tag team titles against The Samoans... Sgt. Slaughter got by Dominic DeNucci



# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## SHREVEPORT, LA

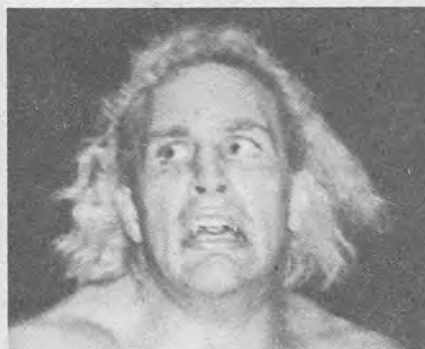
By Doug Martin



**KILLER KARL KOX**

vs.

**PAUL ELLERING**



A monumental battle erupted between veteran Killer Karl Kox and muscular Paul Ellering. Always capable of the worst sort of evil deeds, Ellering demonstrated he has stooped even lower by pulling every disgusting trick he knows. Kox showed his class throughout the early stages. But even he couldn't control his temper after all Ellering did. A hard-fought war finally ended in a draw.

**OTHER BOUTS:** The Masked Grappler successfully defended his North American title against Jake Roberts . . . Cowboy Bill Watts smashed Stan Stasiak . . . Super Destroyer clobbered Terry Latham . . . Jim Garvin downed The Turk

## CHICAGO, IL

By Lance Lowe



**ERNIE LADD**

vs.

**BRUISER**



All three of the falls turned into bloody brawls as Ernie Ladd and Bruiser went for each other's throats. In the first fall, Ladd used a combination of underhanded tactics and strength to capture the opening fall. But Bruiser, never one to quit, fought back to win the second fall, making the third one decisive. That last fall turned into a wild brawl. Ladd used his taped thumb, infuriating Bruiser, who went out of control. Both men were disqualified.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Crusher Blackwell won by disqualification over Crusher . . . Spike Huber and Wilbur Snyder won a closely-contested bout over Jerry Valiant and King Kong Brodie.

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**DUSTY RHODES**

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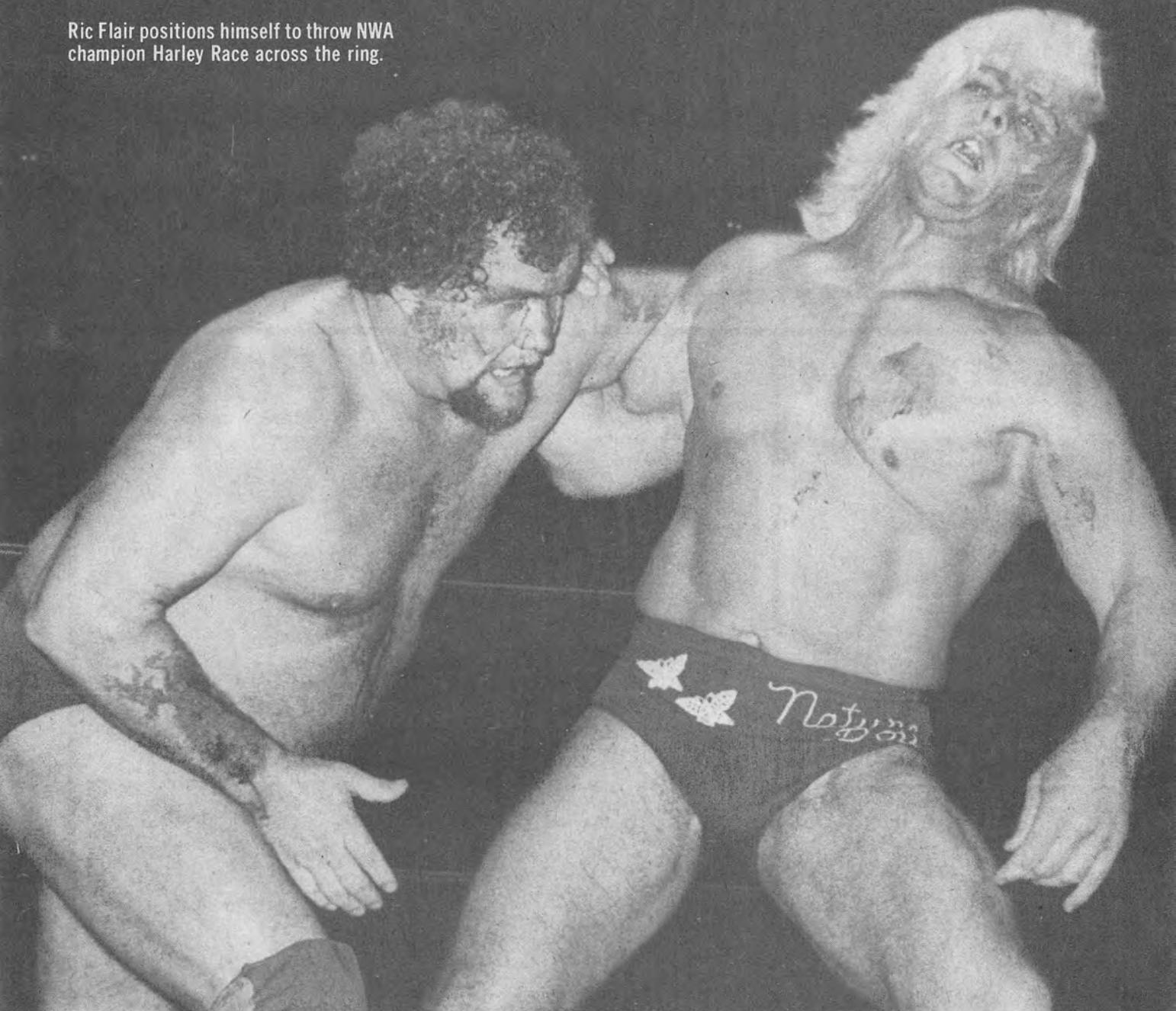
**DICK SLATER**



The main event at the Cow Palace pitted Dusty Rhodes against Dick Slater for the vacant Western United States heavyweight title. The match was a total brawl with both wrestlers hitting each other with fists and foreign objects. Slater tossed Rhodes out of the ring and smashed his face into the steel ring post, drawing blood. But Rhodes got back into the ring and, using elbows and a brilliant cradle maneuver, whipped Slater to become the new champion.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Mike Graham won by disqualification over NWA Junior Heavyweight champ Les Thornton . . . Barry Windham whipped Lord Al Hays . . . Dr. Blood nailed Steve Pardee.

Ric Flair positions himself to throw NWA champion Harley Race across the ring.



# **RIC FLAIR SHATTERS THE MYTH OF HARLEY RACE**

PHOTOS BY  
KEVIN KRON



**"MYTHS MAKE ME** really sick," snarled Ric Flair. "Especially when the guy who has the myth doesn't deserve one single word of it, not one little bit of the foolishness.

"Look at Harley race. Have you ever seen a more pathetic old man with a belly the size of a beer keg and a brain the size of a pebble? I'll give Race credit for one thing, though, he has gone further on less talent than any man I've ever seen.

"But I guess this little old match the two of us had, actually a mismatch since I clobbered his skull from one end of the world to the other, this little old match finally chopped up and broke up and any other word you want to use, the so-called myth of Harley Race."

The brutal double-disqualification match between NWA champion Race and U.S. Heavyweight champion Flair did many things, among them evoking an

important question as to whether there actually is a myth around Race, or whether that so-called myth, to borrow Flair's phrasing, is created by his challengers.

First, consider whether there is a myth surrounding Race. Unlike other wrestlers intent on creating a loud, charismatic public image for themselves, Race is a tough, no-nonsense kind of man who just goes about his business. Race could care less about what appears in print. He doesn't stand in front of a mirror for hours pondering his self-perceived beauty. He refrains from loud-mouthed predictions as much as possible. And his wrestling style isn't fancy, by any means.

Yet Race has held the NWA title for quite a number of years. While some justifiable criticism has been directed at his brutal methods and remarkable ability to invoke a disqualification at the



Flair captures Race in a sleeper hold, but is unable to maintain the grip long enough to put the champion away. According to Ric, there is no myth surrounding Race's success.

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**A certain aura pulses about a champion. Harley Race is no exception. For years, Race has enjoyed a reputation bordering on the edge of mythology. Opponents, whether they commended themselves with honor or not, only added to the myth. Now Ric Flair, newly crowned U.S. heavyweight champion, feels he has shattered the myth of Race**

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Ric winds up and fires a roundhouse right at Race's head. Flair feels that Race will remain champion as long as he is surrounded by his myth.

delicate moment of imminent defeat, Race's success is indisputable.

Every top challenger in the NWA and those in other territories have sought to solve the mystery of Race. The Briscos, the Funks, Dusty Rhodes, and even Bob Backlund have come into the squared circle believing that Race is an easy foe, susceptible to simple maneuvers and concise strategy.

Yet, excepting a few periods when someone held the title for the briefest of times, notably Baba the Giant and Dusty



protect themselves, to massage their beaten egos and puzzled minds. If they cannot defeat Race, there must be a valid reason. You can't complain about Race's tactics time and again. So how do you explain a man you claim is slow, old, fat, and stupid winning title defense after title defense?

You explain away your own failure by creating and supporting a myth around the man. You start ascribing certain strange powers to him. You start alluding to certain mystic abilities. You start suggesting he is unbeatable, not due to any physical powers, but to certain secret powers. And you shrug when he offers his own assessment.

"Bull," snickered Race. "They can say whatever the hell they want to say about me. I'm a little weary of hearing all these ringside experts tellin' me how I did this wrong and how I get away with this and that.

"Well, hell, if I'm so damn bad then how the hell have I whipped every top challenger in the world? Why don't someone tell me that one, huh? Maybe it's cause they don't have a damn good answer so they lay this garbage down on me."

In this Flair-Race bout, anyone with his eyes opened could see Flair taking quick advantage. But they could just as easily see Race defending his belt with tough, simplistic valor. Race didn't wave a magic wand. Race didn't pluck a creature from another dimension to aid help.

All Race used were his two hands and his cunning mind. What this match proved was Race's talents and Flair's talents. There is no need for any post-match dissection. There was no mythological aura surrounding Race.

The only thing surrounding Race was the NWA belt wrapped about his waist. □

Flair feels that Race has been labeled as some sort of god by wrestlers who are looking for a way to explain their failures against him. Ric hopes the beating he gave the champion in their recent bout (which ended in a double-disqualification) will help change that false image. Ric pulls Race off the top turnbuckle before he can do any damage.

Rhodes, Race has set back challenger after challenger. And that irks those proud wrestlers believing they had more ability and were more deserving of the NWA title than he.

Now, these challengers aren't about to accept any criticism of themselves. And criticism of

Race pales when you look around and see his record of success. After a while, such criticism becomes self-serving alibis. No, it's what the challengers have done over the years that has created a myth around the champion.

Yes, they have done this to

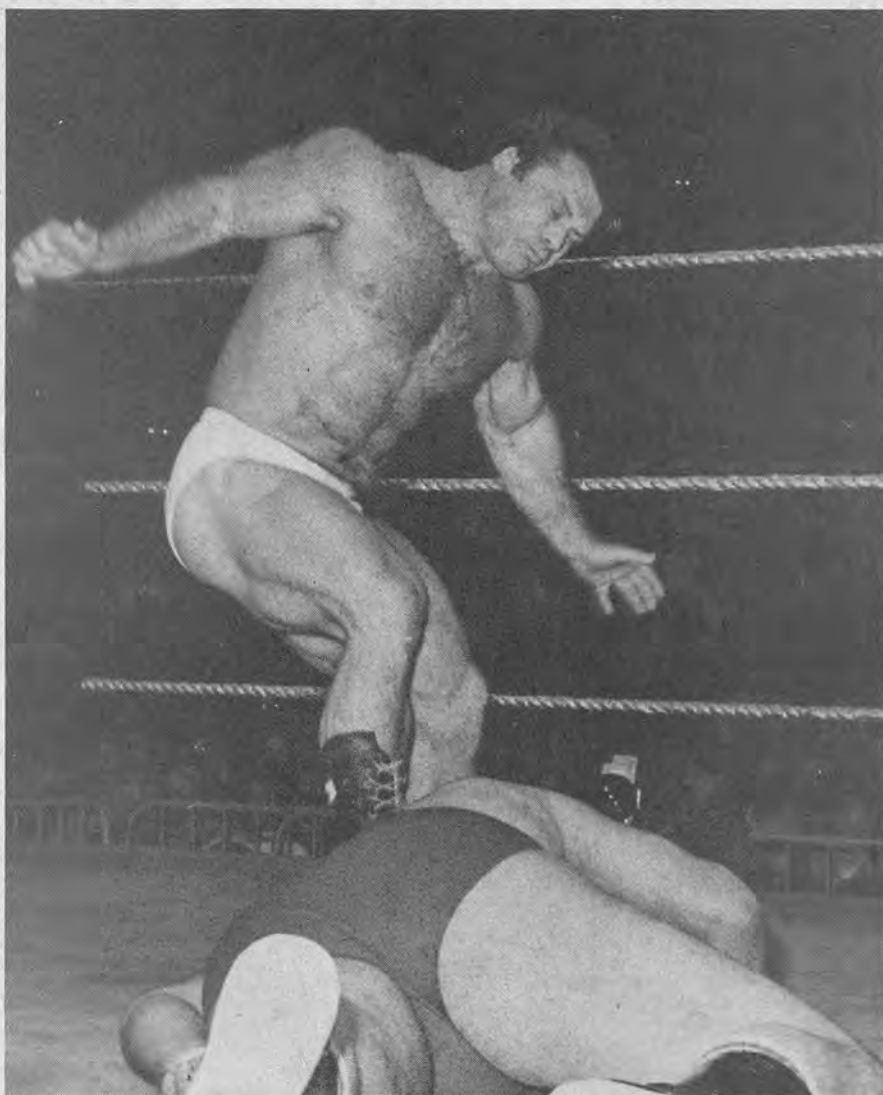


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## capsule profile

### IVAN PUTSKI



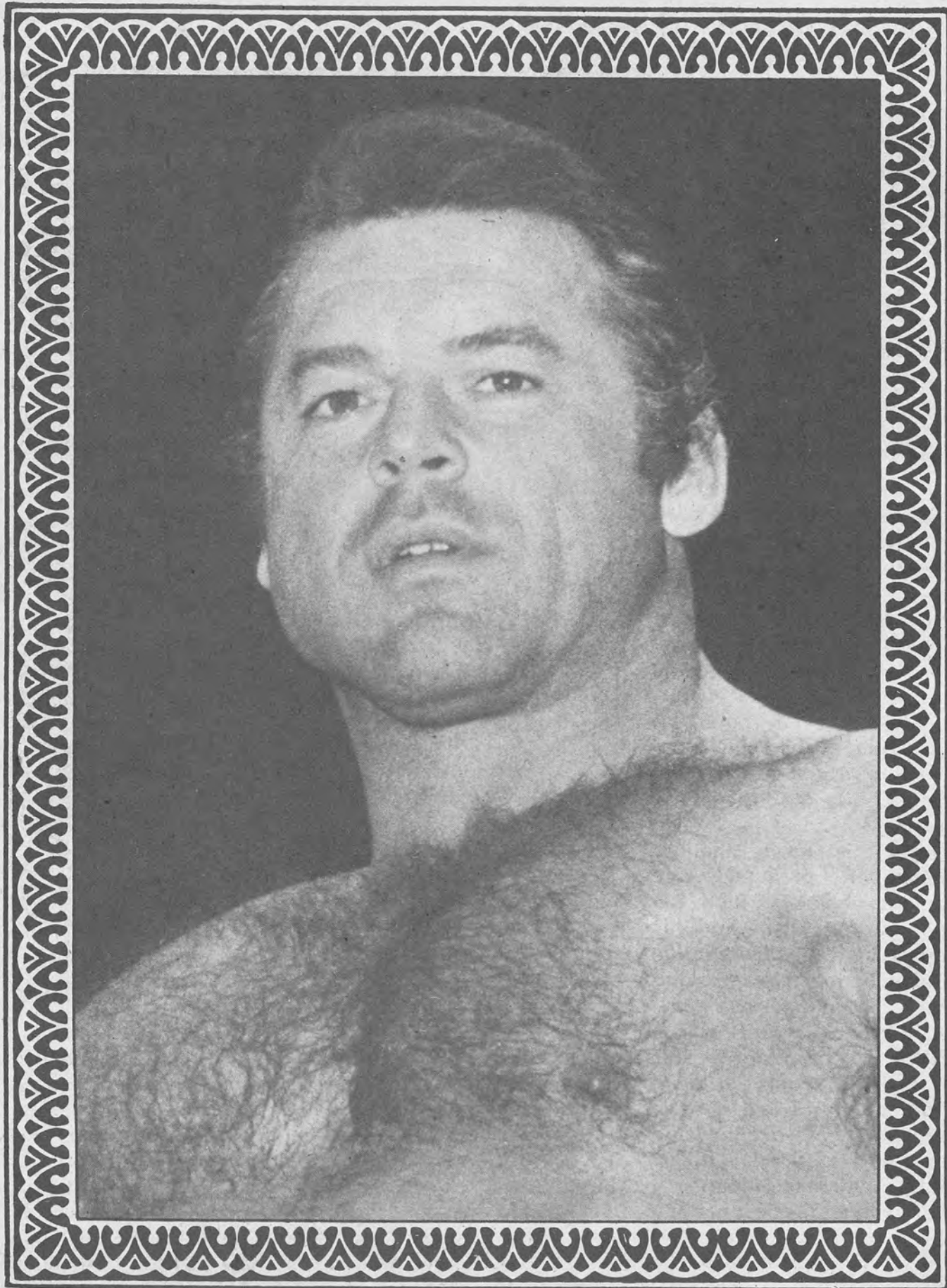
**C**ONSIDERED THE MOST popular Polish wrestler in the history of professional wrestling (*"I am proud to be Polish. We are a great people"*)... Debuted at legendary Madison Square Garden against the insane Canadian Wolfman (*"Whew, I'll never forget that one"*)... Very quickly, he established fabulous rapport with the fans (*"I love 'em, they're so terrific"*)... His *"Polish Power"* is more than a maneuver, but a feeling of violent ecstasy which engulfs both Putski and his fans (*"It's an indescribable feeling between the fans and me"*)... Feuded with some of the very worst of the WWF rulebreakers in his early days (*"I took 'em all on, I don't care, I will wrestle anyone"*)... Among the most ferocious and bloodiest of his feuds were those with Tor Kamata, Baron Von Raschke, Ken Patera, and The Wolfman (*"Who is the toughest? All are crazy. I think they're all maniacs"*)

Ivan Putski drives his muscular legs into the shoulders of his fallen opponent. After a successful stint in Texas, Ivan has returned to the rulebreaker-laden WWF and vows to tip the scales of power back to the scientific wrestlers and the fans that support them.

... Recently traveled to the Texas area where he swiftly found himself embroiled in battles with Tully Blanchard and, for a brief while, Gino Hernandez (*"I loved wrestlin' down in Texas, fans are great, nice arenas, tough foes"*)... Couldn't wait to return to the WWF (*"Hey, I've been all over the world*

*but the WWF is home"*)... His most famous maneuvers are the Polish Hammer and bearhug (*"Yeah, I guess I've finished a few guys off with those"*)... Now that he has returned to the WWF, he must take on the challenge of Stan Hansen (*"Afraid of him? You kidding me? With my fans behind me?"*). □

**CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP**



**IVAN PUTSKI**



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!**

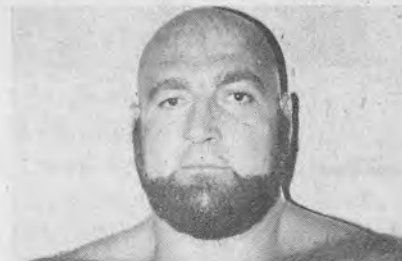


## **MANNY FERNANDEZ**

The popular master of aerial maneuvers has returned to the Florida wrestling arenas. An extremely successful world tour showcased Fernandez to all manner of wrestling fans and now the determined young man wants to regain his beloved Florida Heavyweight title.

## **JOS LeDUC**

The hard-nosed Canadian lumberjack brings his crude brand of wrestling into both the Tennessee and Georgia areas. Fans can expect LeDuc to take on any and all challengers. Dismayed by the lunatics running amuck in those areas, LeDuc promises all his fans he'll turn the tide of evil once and for all.

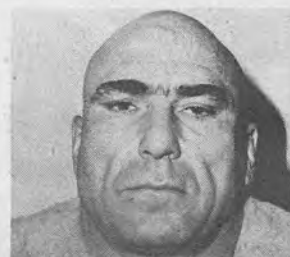


## **DON DIAMOND**

This promising youngster, already electrifying crowds in all parts of the nation, is presently contending in Texas. Almost before he unpacked his bags, Diamond found himself involved with the Twin Devils. Showing remarkable courage and poise for one so young, Diamond promises to end the careers of the Twin Devils . . . or perish.

## **MONGOLIAN STOMPER**

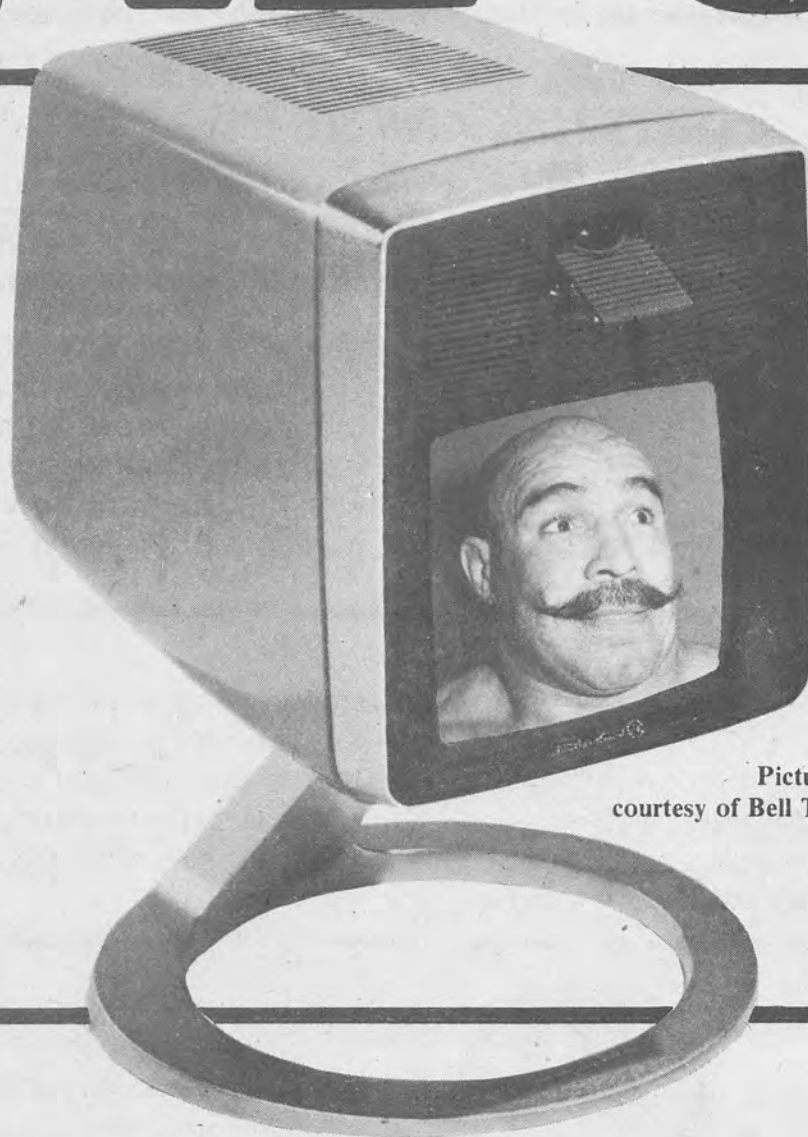
Evil and brutish, this wild man from Asia has invaded the Atlanta area. Under the sinister guidance of Don Carson, Stomper vows to destroy all scientific wrestlers in the area, including such fine men as Mr. Wrestling II, Austin Idol, and Terry Taylor.



# ONE ON



*(If both their violent personalities were carefully examined, Hussein Arab and Ivan Koloff would seem to have a great deal in common. Neither has the slightest shred of decency. Both are ruthless, vicious, distempered individuals who would sell a member of their family for a dollar. Or a ruble. But Koloff and Arab are involved in an absolutely amazing feud sweeping throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. Not surprisingly, both are quick to assess blame for the outbreak of hostilities. From their respective training sites in the Mid-Atlantic area, these two demonic foreign wrestlers take each other on.)*



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**IVAN KOLOFF:**

The barbarian, hello.

**HUSSEIN ARAB:**

What did you call me?

**IK:** Barbarian. Perhaps you prefer vermin.

**HA:** That is not my name.

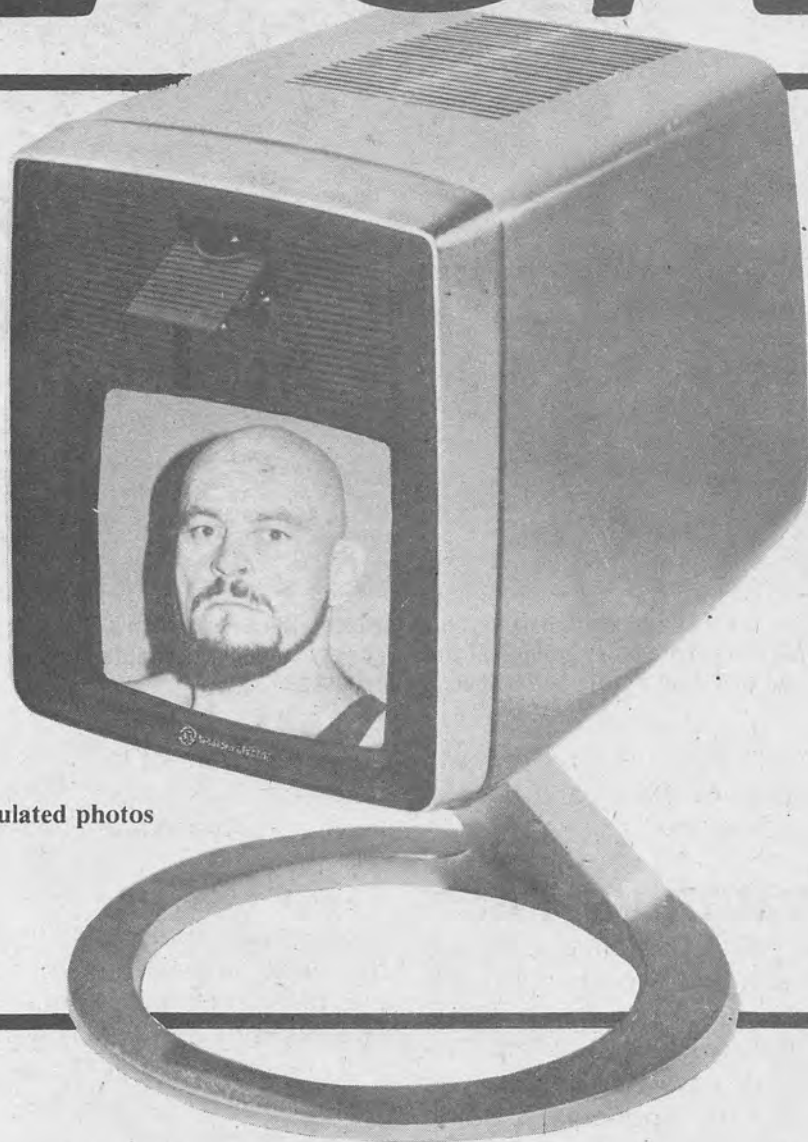
**IK:** Ah, forgive me, I should really call you by the name all have come to know you by: loser.

**HA:** How dare you!

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# NONE



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**IK:** How dare I? My poor peasant, how dare you! How dare you pretend to be a professional wrestler and embarrass the brilliant geniuses like myself.

**HA:** You are brilliant only by your own foolish standards, Russian.

**IK:** Hussein, do not speak of my mother Russia like that.

**HA:** Oh, you think you are the only one who can insult?

**IK:** I am the only one qualified.

**HA:** Why is that?

**IK:** Because I am vastly superior to all you low forms of life. My intelligence, my speed, my size, my strength, my fearless courage place me light years ahead of you worm-like creatures in evolutionary development. I have only pity for losers like you.

**HA:** I am no loser.

**IK:** Hah, of course you are. I tried to help you out, as a beneficent superior person would aid a low form of life. But I could not even help you in our tag team, you were so pitiful.

**HA:** You betrayed me.

**IK:** I did not betray you, worm. You stumbled on your own merits. All the world could see how I tried to save you. I extended the kindly Soviet hand to you as one comrade to another and you chomped your primitive teeth into my palm.

**HA:** Your kindly Soviet hand is nothing more than a covet to control me and all of Mid-Atlantic wrestling.

**IK:** Foolish Arab, why would I wish to control, as you put it, the Mid-Atlantic area? I already control it by my magnificent position. None

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## **THE INSIDER**

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No this is not Lou Albano's new four-man tag team. The New Rhythm & Blues Quartet (NRBQ) is a talented rock group that should go very far under the Captain's guidance. Oh, and they sing a little better than The Moondogs.

Roberts. "Our mere presence in the film means it can't miss at the box office."

## **RUMOR VS. FACT**

**RUMOR:** Captain Lou Albano is managing a prominent rock band called NRBQ (New Rhythm & Blues Quartet). The Captain says the band, like most of his tag teams, is going to make it all the way to the top.

**FACT:** Unlike most of our rumors, this one is true! The group is gaining exposure across the country and is on the verge of breaking out with a hit record.

We just hope the annoying sound of Albano's whistle doesn't pop up in any of their recordings.

**RUMOR:** Bruiser Brodie lost a chance to challenge for Harley Race's NWA title

because a rule of his personal religious cult forbids him to leave his home on Tuesday night!

**FACT:** We all know Brodie is playing with much less than a full deck. Word from Texas is that he is indeed a member of a strange cult—the only member!

"He started this sect, and he makes up all these weird kinds of rules for himself," said one Dallas insider. "Only clothes with holes, watch six hours of soap operas a day, eat only goldfish and Perdue chicken, things like that. Fan favorite or not, I'm telling you, the guy is way out-of-bounds. But I think he's sane enough to take a shot at Race—whatever day of the week it is."

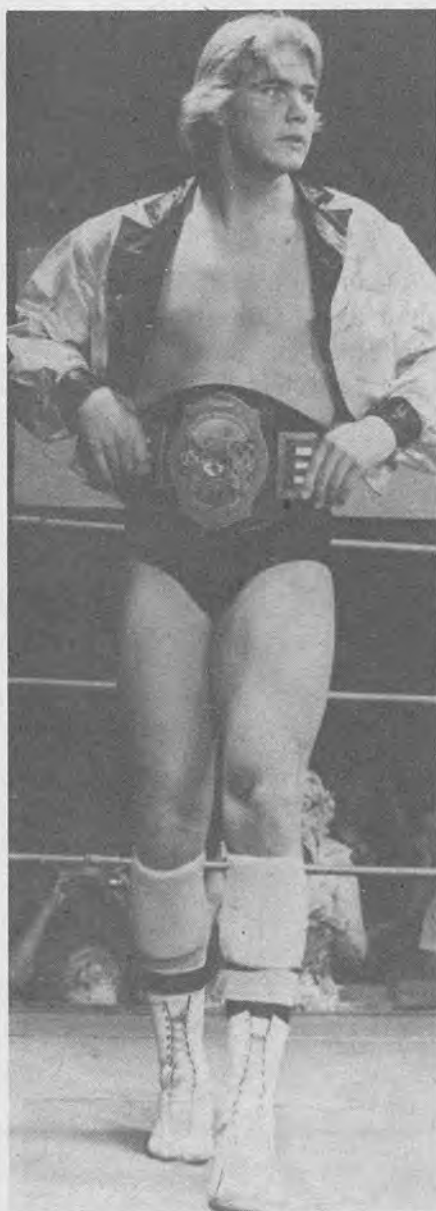
## **INJURY REPORT**

Florida favorite BARRY WINDHAM suffered a leg injury



in a bout with DICK MURDOCH. The severity of the injury was not immediately known.

Wrestling ring attendant JOE FLAMBORO, one of the most popular personalities on the



The leg injury Barry Windham suffered at the hands of Dick Murdoch did not prevent him from wrestling the Florida championship from Dory Funk Jr.

Nebraska circuit, was injured after trying to assist huge CRUSHER BLACKWELL from the ring. After Blackwell finished a match, he fell on top of Flamboro and knocked the wind out of him. Flamboro was taken to the hospital for precautionary X-rays.

That's it for now. Catch you later. ☐

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# BUGSY McGRAW

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gain a look into the room. Nothing. All I could make out was a flag of the Soviet Union upon the wall farthest from the window.

Finally they popped out of the door, the blonde, the fat guy and . . . the chauffeur was the waiter! Even more amazing, a fourth man accompanied them. This man was Baron Von Raschke.

I was stunned. What was Von Raschke and a man who could have been his brother, or at least cousin, associating with potential Russians?

Von Raschke, who Stu Saks determined was a major part of the international plot, saps McGraw's strength with a brain claw (below). Bugsy stomps away at Nikolai Volkoff (opposite right), another international figure whose goal is the demise of McGraw.

Originally, I'd been sent to West Berlin to scent out a rumor about an international plot aimed at a prominent American wrestler. Who that wrestler was, who belonged to the plot or its ultimate ambitions, I didn't have any idea. At this stage, all I could do was follow Von Raschke and see where his trail led.

It led right back to Florida and a match against Buggy McGraw. So Von Raschke aimed to destroy Buggy, did he? But what of the Russians? Why were Russians







concerned about Bugsy McGraw.

I didn't have to chew on that one for very long. Seated midway in the packed Tampa arena was the fat guy with the scar. Seated two chairs down was the waiter. And three chairs from him, Nikolai Volkoff.

The McGraw-Von Raschke match proceeded with incredible brutality. But I didn't watch the bout. Instead, I studied the expressionless stares of those three men. Only when Von Raschke perpetrated some vile misdeed did their expressions change. And then, only into pleased nods.

Still, I couldn't penetrate all the reasons why. Are all the Russians, Ivan Koloff, Alexis Smirnoff, and Volkoff involved in the conspiracy? What do they gain if they destroy McGraw? Is Von Raschke merely involved for money or for some greater glory once McGraw is destroyed?

"Conspiracy? See, I told you, they are all after me, they cannot win, don't worry, I will stop them," shouted McGraw.

But what if the conspiracy is not aimed at McGraw? What if the conspiracy is directed at all American wrestlers? ☐

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# ON THE ROAD

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serious traumatic experience at a very early age.

"Perhaps it was a sense of emotional abandonment. Perhaps his mother, or some mother figure, like an aunt or grandmother, even an older sister, left him alone for an extended period of time and something happened.

"Now it needn't be some horrifying experience like getting hit by a cab. It could be a minor accident like crying for a period of time without anyone picking him up that would cause this sensation of abandonment and resultant bitterness.

"I hesitate to offer any sort of diagnosis on these men who do attack mothers for I do not believe in long-distance analysis. But I would offer my services to anyone who wishes psychological aid, for a man who would attack a defenseless mother is very, very ill. And very, very dangerous."

To be blunt, I'm not in the business of psychological dissection. I know John Tolos and Jimmy Valiant and Tojo Yamamoto are sick men.



Alberto Madril vows to avenge the beating his mother took at the hands of John Tolos in Los Angeles.

Whether that illness was caused by a childhood incident or some other accident doesn't concern me in the least. What worries me is what continued behavior of this kind means to the sport.

Not to sound callous, the physical wounds suffered by Madril and Rich's mothers don't concern me. It is the atmosphere of paranoia created by such attack and the fear felt by other mothers that is the real cause for concern.

Can anyone imagine a greater feeling of dignity than a mother able to sit at ringside and watch her pride and joy wrestle before 15 or 20,000 fans? Yet bit by bit, the ability of a mother to sit at ringside and watch her son is shaved by the fear some total lunatic will come flying from some direction and attack her.

Am I the only one who finds this spectacle disgusting? Beyond the obvious cowardice demonstrated by a man attacking a foe through his mother, there is the graver specter of wrestlers attacking other innocent family members.

It seems to me traditional wrestling rules erode month by month. Suddenly these wrestlers start creating their own laws and apply their own morality to society. Thus it is quite logical, according to his morality, that Tolos would attack Mrs. Madril. Or Valiant and Yamamoto would attack Mrs. Rich.

If mothers can be attacked, are brothers and sisters far behind? Will children become the next target?

"I don't know," said the mother as she tried to straighten her bent frame, squinting eyes peering through the gray shadows of her new prison. "I am very scared." □



in each other. Bill said that Rich wanted to talk only to me. I could only hope.

Memphis International Airport runs a little more efficiently than Kennedy in New York. My bags were already on the conveyor belt when I got off the plane. And I didn't have to worry about a ride from the airport. Tommy Rich was waiting for me.

He stared at me for a good 15 seconds before I broke the tension by shaking his hand. "Let's go someplace and talk," I said.

Tommy squeezed my bags into his Mazda RX-7 and we drove off. I had been away for a while and hadn't heard about the unfortunate incident in which his mother was senselessly attacked by Jimmy Valiant and Tojo Yamamoto. "I didn't want her to go on television," Tommy said, "but she knew I was too embarrassed to face the public, and she took it upon herself to do it for me."

Rich so badly needed someone to talk to. He had made a huge mistake and he didn't know a way out.

"My career wasn't going as I thought it should," he said, "and all at once I came to the conclusion that I was being held back by a scientific wrestling style. It was a haphazard, hasty decision. I put down all those who helped me in my career: Mr. Wrestling II, Mr. Wrestling, you guys. Then I saw the cover of your March issue and there was my face on the cover and my quote, 'The Fans Can Go To Hell,' and let me tell you, it hit hard."

"I was wrong. Dead wrong. And if the fans never forgive me, I won't blame them. I don't think I would be forgiving if I were them."

Tommy continued on his way, but I don't think he had a destination. He just kept driving. Where he will finally end up in life in unknown. It might not be up to him at this point. It might be up to you. ☐

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# BODYSLAM & PINFALLS

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determination to win at any cost. He has to believe victory is more important than anything else.

Rich never had the stuff to be a "rulebreaker." Throughout his career, he said what fans wanted to hear, did what fans wanted him to do, and battled the men fans wanted defeated. He had no inner vision, no goal which he had to achieve. Tommy just wanted fame and money. That's what every fan favorite wants.

When Rich became a rulebreaker, he seemed to be a spoiled little kid whose feelings were hurt. With the determination of a little kid, he appeared to be waiting for someone to bribe him with a lollipop so he'd behave. But the going got too tough and no one came through with his candy. So Rich, the whining baby, sent his mother to beg forgiveness. A man would have at least gone himself. A child hides behind his mother's skirts.

Tommy can rest easy now. After his mother was "attacked," the fans have nothing but sympathy for the little blond baby. He's now walking around, swearing to avenge this attack on motherhood. Why doesn't he offer to adopt an orphan if he wins the championship? If things got rough again, he can always send the kid to beg forgiveness. Imagine, an orphan and a mother

pleading his case. That's better than a lollipop.

I suppose we'll now have to listen to this mewling moron blather about how he wants to win the title for the fans. How he's going to defeat big, bad Harley Race and make fans once again proud of the NWA champion. He'll tell of his horror of rulebreakers and his determination to make the sport clean. The fans will give him a standing ovation. Rich will thank them all the way to the bank. I hope he gives his mother some of it. She's earned it more than he has.

In the meantime, wrestlers with far greater skill and too much integrity to grovel will be earning far less. They'll travel to arenas in old cars whose back seats will be beds when the weather's not cold. They won't have Rich's money for top hotels, first-class jet reservations, and limousines to meet them. All they'll have is their integrity and honor.

The real fault doesn't lie with Rich. He's a despicable hustler who'll take what's given. The fault lies with the fans for giving him the fame, the wealth, and the power. It's their approval of him that is ruining wrestling.

A friend of mine thinks Rich sold his soul to the devil to become NWA champion. If that's so, Rich got the biggest bargain in history. □



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# SINCERELY YOURS

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about Ric Flair? There is nothing bad about the man. It's just that some people, for some dumb reason, want to write things like "Flair's ugly."

What a lie! Unless you're blind, you know Flair's beautiful.



Nothing bad can be said about Ric Flair, writes Lisa Johnson. She feels "Nature Boy" is perfect in every way.

I am talking about Diane Antonio in your January 1981 issue. How could she say Flair doesn't deserve to be in the Most Popular Ratings? If he didn't deserve to be there, he wouldn't. The next time you see Flair strutting around the ring showing off his beautiful body, why don't you fans take a minute to realize the true nature of the man? It's men like Flair who make wrestling the number one sport it is today.

LISA JOHNSON  
Rock Hill, SC

## NOT YET

After reading your story "Is Ted DiBiase The Man To Stop Harley Race?", I must say that Ted is not that man. At least not yet. Harley Race has defended his NWA title against wrestlers with more experience who have more battles behind them than Ted DiBiase has accumulated in his brief, though successful career.



# BEHIND THE DOOR

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picked up the phone. He rattled on and on about Tommy Rich. You can always count on Bill to fill you in on all the latest news when all you want is a ride home from the airport.

I wasn't really listening to what he was saying, until as clear as could be, I heard him say, "So your flight to Memphis departs in an hour. The tickets are waiting for you at the ticket counter."

"Why am I going to see Rich? So he can spit in my face again?" I asked.

"I just told you," Bill said, obviously annoyed that I wasn't listening. "He wants to see you—and only you. It's a hot story. Damn lucky thing you called."



Tommy Rich is all smiles now that he is being cheered by the fans again.

The plane ride gave me a lot of time to think what had happened to Tommy Rich (and also provided a decent meal). Bill told me that there was something different about Tommy's voice. He was polite on the phone, which was totally different from the way he's been acting in recent months. Bill Apter, who has been around the sport for quite some time and can read a lot into a wrestler's voice, predicted that Tommy might be having second thoughts about his decision to turn rulebreaker. Until his recent change, Tommy and I had been very close. We confided

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I suggest DiBiase sharpen his skills and study Race a bit more before undertaking such a championship match. Yes, as a serious contender, Ted DiBiase comes close, but close is not the name of the game. Winning is!

LOUIS MORENO  
Sunnyvale, CA

## BUMS!

All my friends believe Ernie Ladd and his goofy partner Leroy Brown should be expelled from wrestling. They have already injured a fine young wrestler named Terry Orndorff. Then Ladd tried to pull off Mr.



Louisiana tag team champions Ernie Ladd (above) and Leroy Brown are no match for Junkyard Dog and Bill Watts, according to Troy Talley.

Wrestling II's mask, only one of the greatest men ever to walk the earth, but fortunately Ladd did not succeed.

Though Ladd and Brown are trying to avoid the challenge, sooner or later they'll have to meet Junkyard Dog and Cowboy Bill Watts. When they do, they'll wish they were never born!

TROY TALLEY  
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# THE MONGOLIAN STOMPER

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huge shoulder. "They know what they're up against when Stomper comes into the ring. They know they're meeting a man who has been a great success in every area he's ever wrestled in.

"But they don't care about his press clippings and they don't care how much money Stomper will make us. All they worry about is getting their little faces squished like bugs on a hot July night. You know what Stomper will do against a coward like Armstrong, a man who ran around the whole state cowering and sniveling and crying that The Stomper was going to hurt him.

"We're amazed, frankly, Armstrong agreed to wrestle us in Georgia. Probably he's counting on help from his other cowardly friends. Wouldn't surprise me to see the sniveling whimpering likes of Mrs. Wrestling II come running into

the ring to save Armstrong. And we all know Mrs. Wrestling II never won a match on her own, don't we?"

All over the world, the name of Mongolian Stomper was synonymous with violence, uncontrolled, unexplained violence. One is hard-pressed to unearth a fragment of affection for this powerful, cruel man. Yet Carson insists trails of bad publicity are completely twisted.

"This man is universally feared and all who witness his greatness are jealous," shouted Carson. "They know what he is capable of, they know how great he is, they know how he has conquered territory after territory, nation after nation, until there is little left he has not achieved in the sphere of professional wrestling.

"Those who understand the man's nature, like his own people, the Mongolians,

Years ago, when The Stomper made his initial appearance in the Georgia area, he wore headgear to protect himself while delivering headbutts. His appearance of today makes him even more fearful looking.



appreciate him for what he truly is. In his hometown of Vladivostok, Chai there stands a 25-foot high ice statue erected in his honor. The people who understand his fierce, valiant nature appreciate what he has done for Mongolia and for the world.



Stomper's new manager, Don Carson, is trying to sign his wrestler to a match against Mr. Wrestling II. In the ring, Carson allows The Stomper to do what he does best—stomp.

"That's why we don't care what Armstrong says or what Mrs. Wrestling II says. All we care about is the big bucks and winning titles. What else matters?"

Mr. Wrestling II sighed tiredly when he heard what Carson had said.

"You know, I really don't care what they say. I try not to listen to these big-mouths anymore. If they want to wrestle, let them keep their traps shut, lace up the boots and do their talking in the ring. But I guess someone like Mongolian Stomper has to do his talking outside the ring because he can't do much inside the ring."

When told of II's remarks, The Mongolian Stomper growled. And then grinned fiendishly. □

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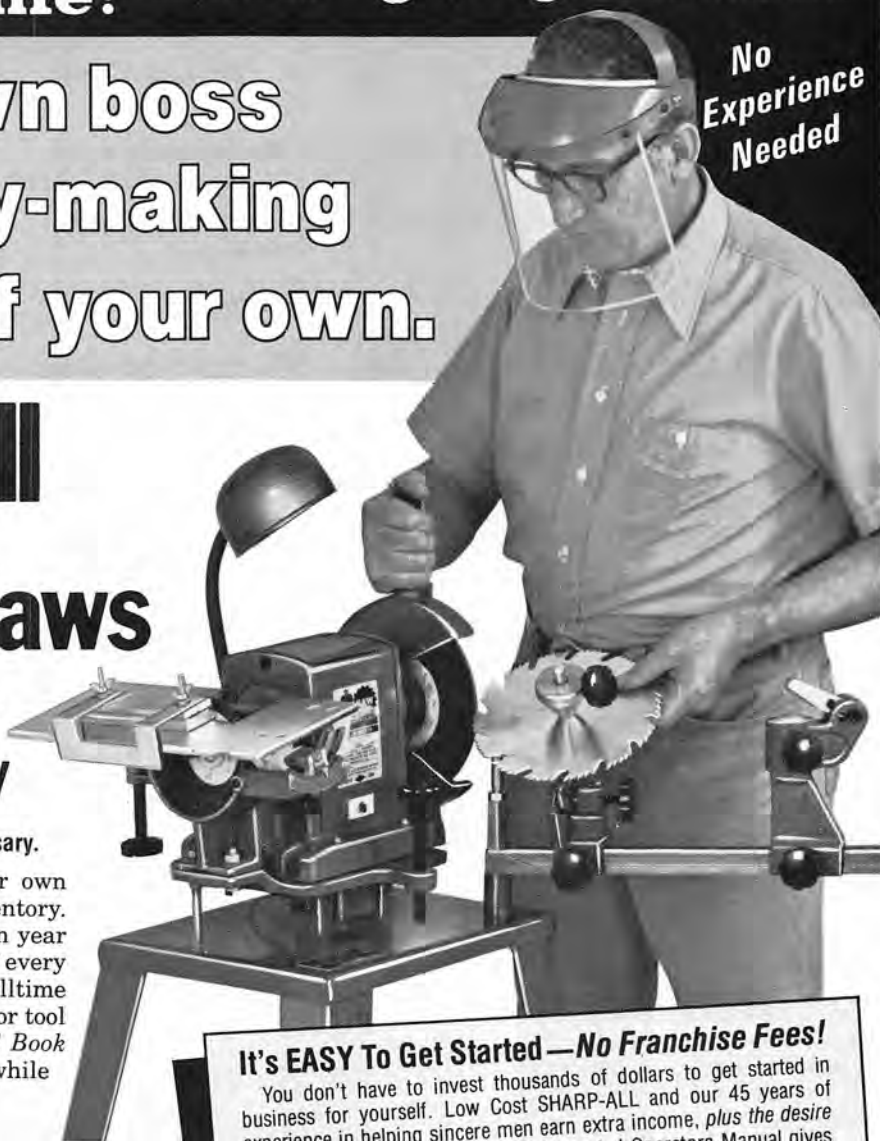
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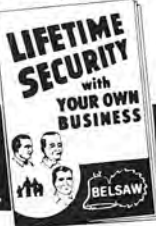
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